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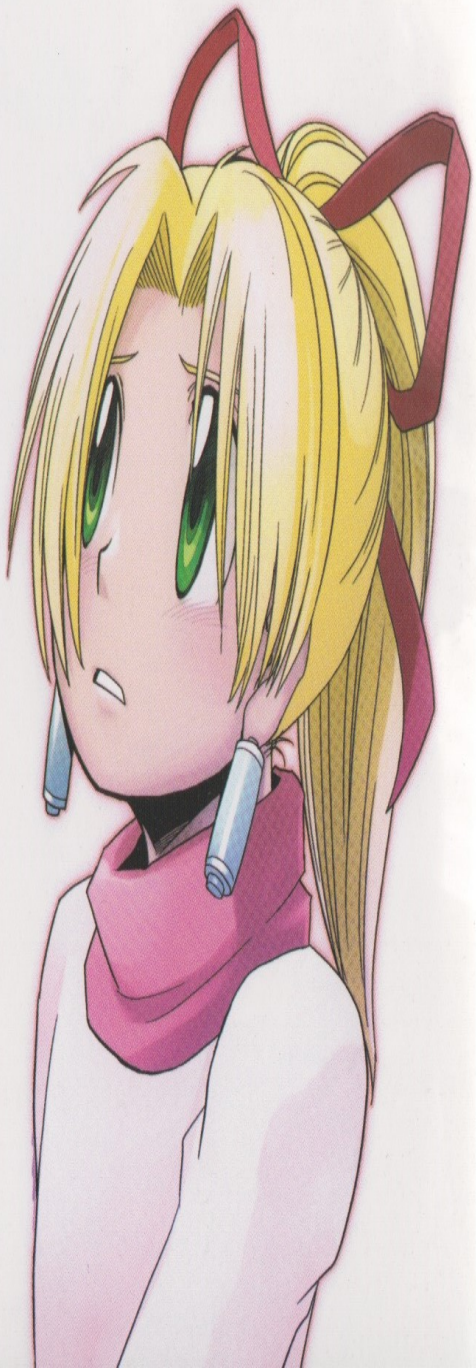

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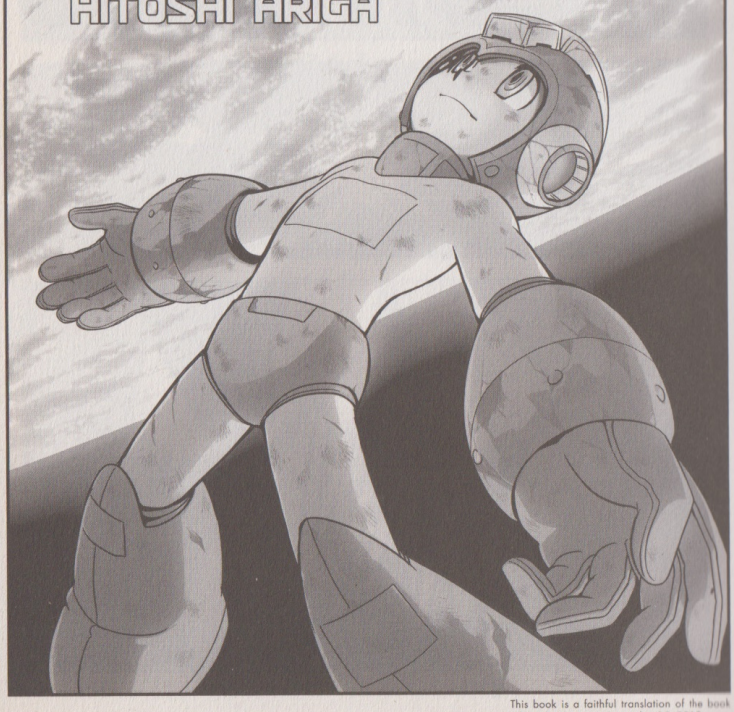

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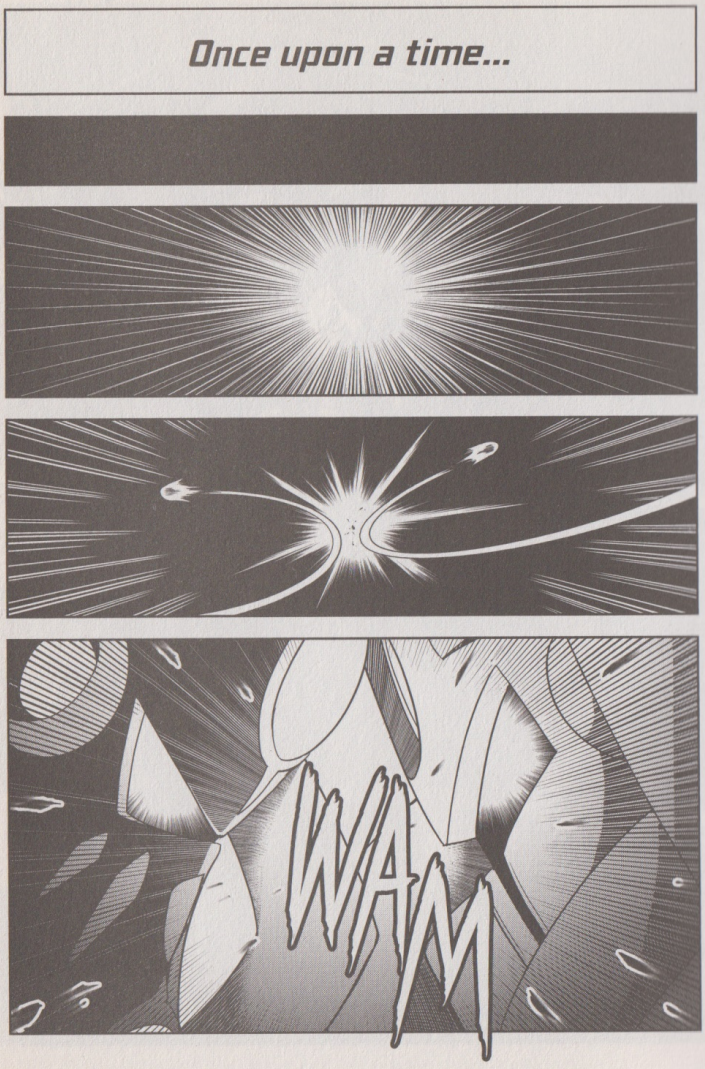

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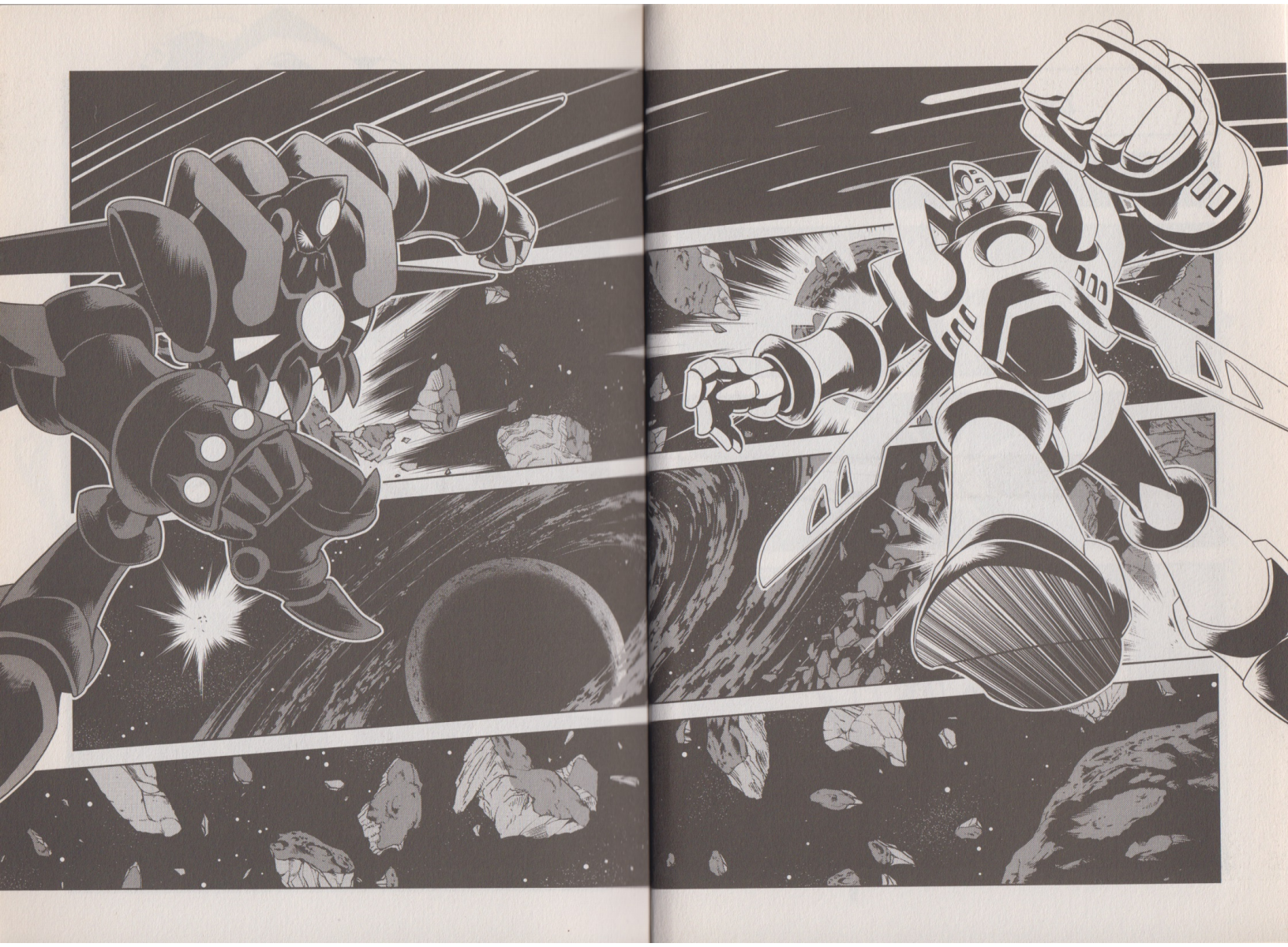
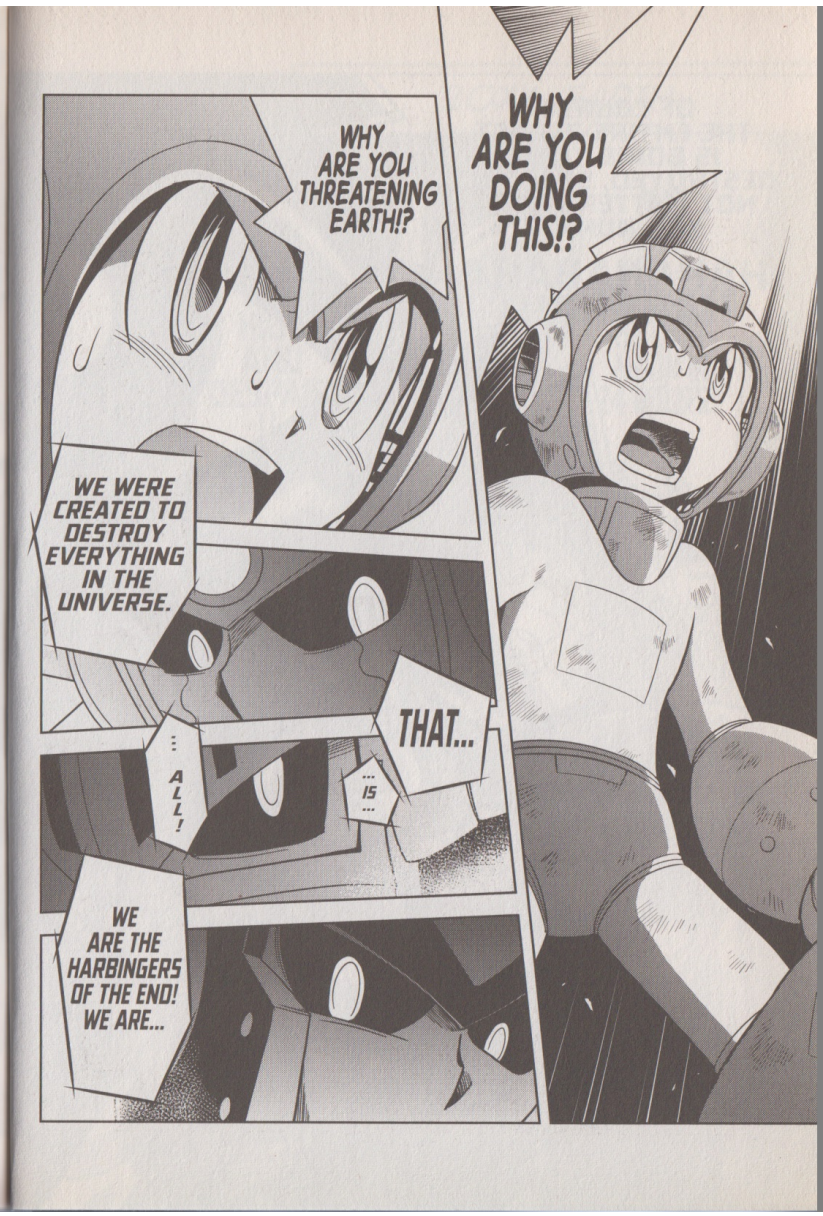
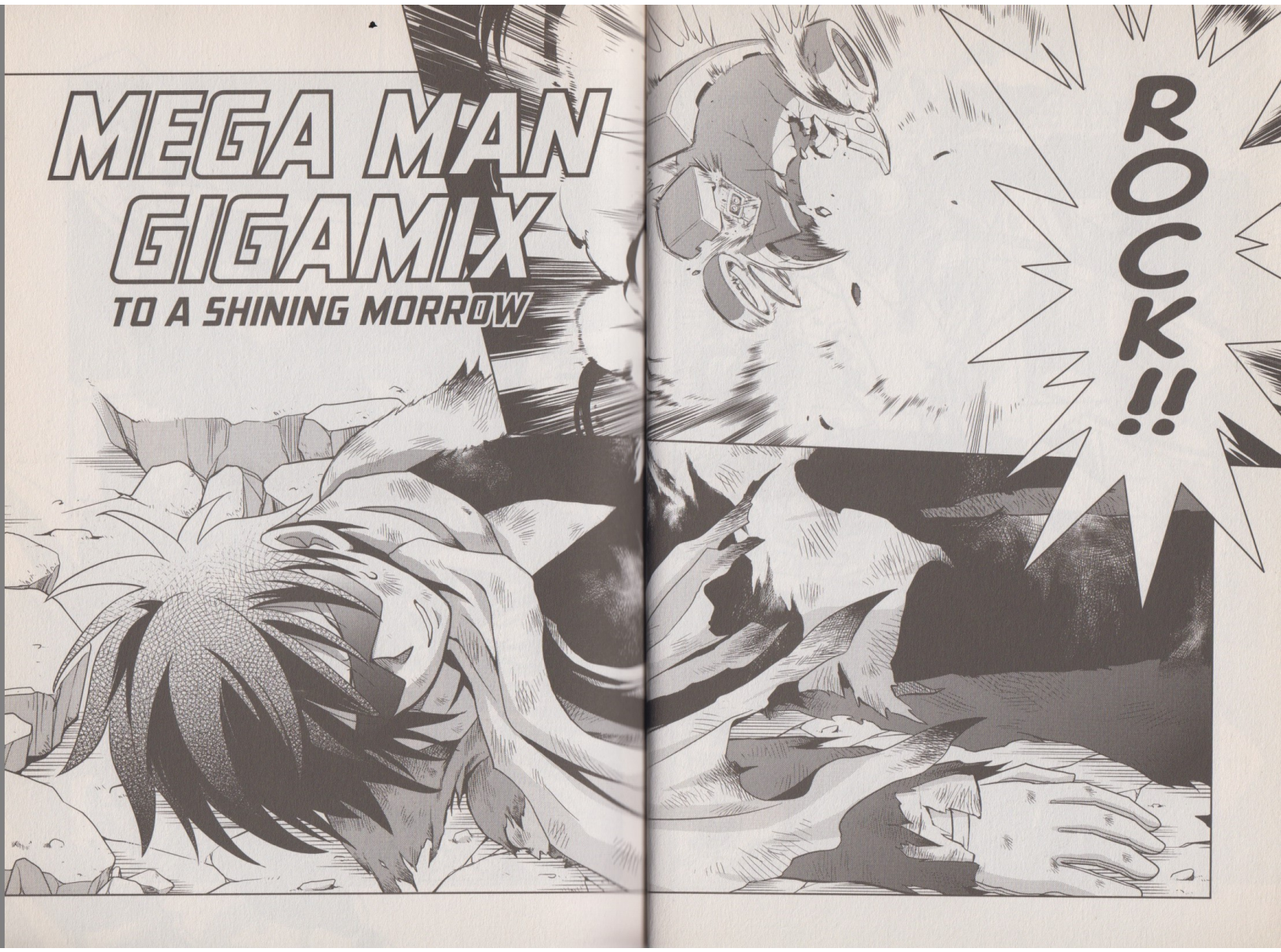


OF COURSE, THE ENTIRE PLANET IS GOING TO BE DESTROYED, SO IT WILL NOT MATTER WHERE YOU RUN TO!
HAHAHAHAHA HAHAHA!!

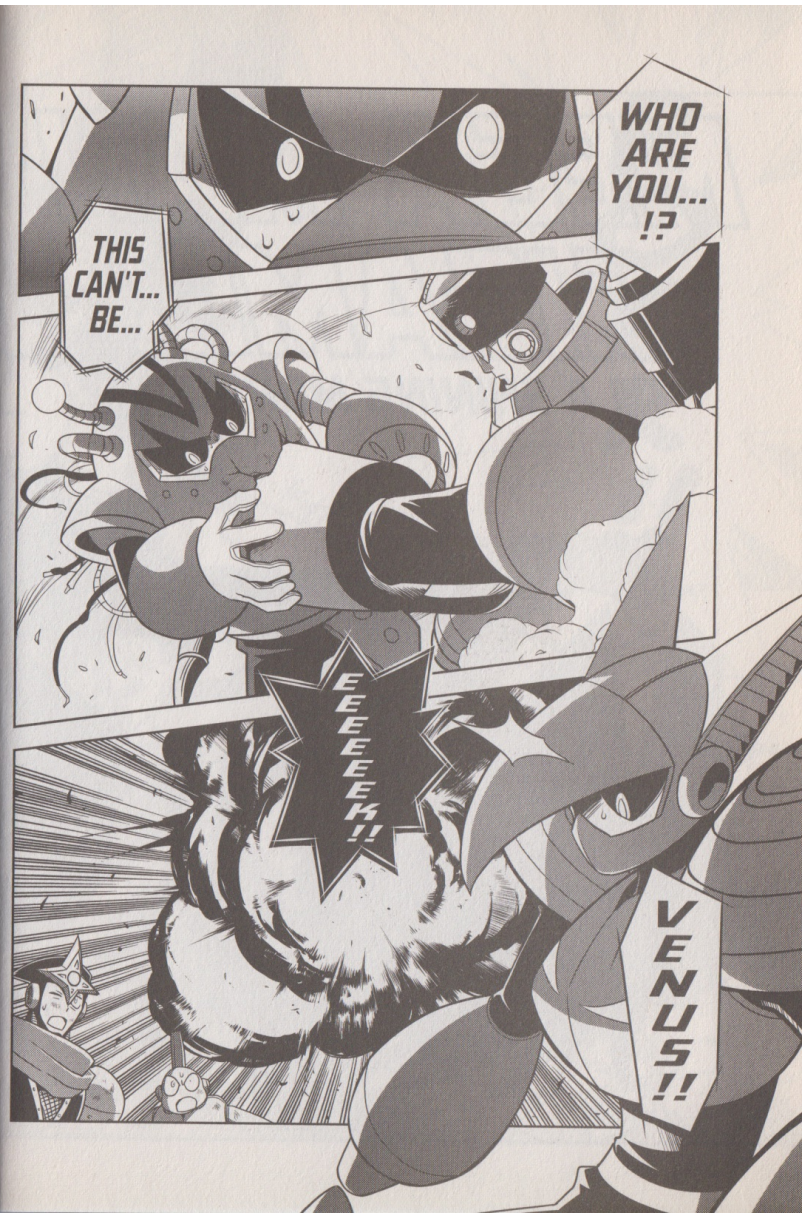
20XX, EARTH-
RUN, HIDE, AND DESPAIR !!
THIS PLANET WILL BE OBLITERATED BY DARK MOON IN 24 HOURS!!

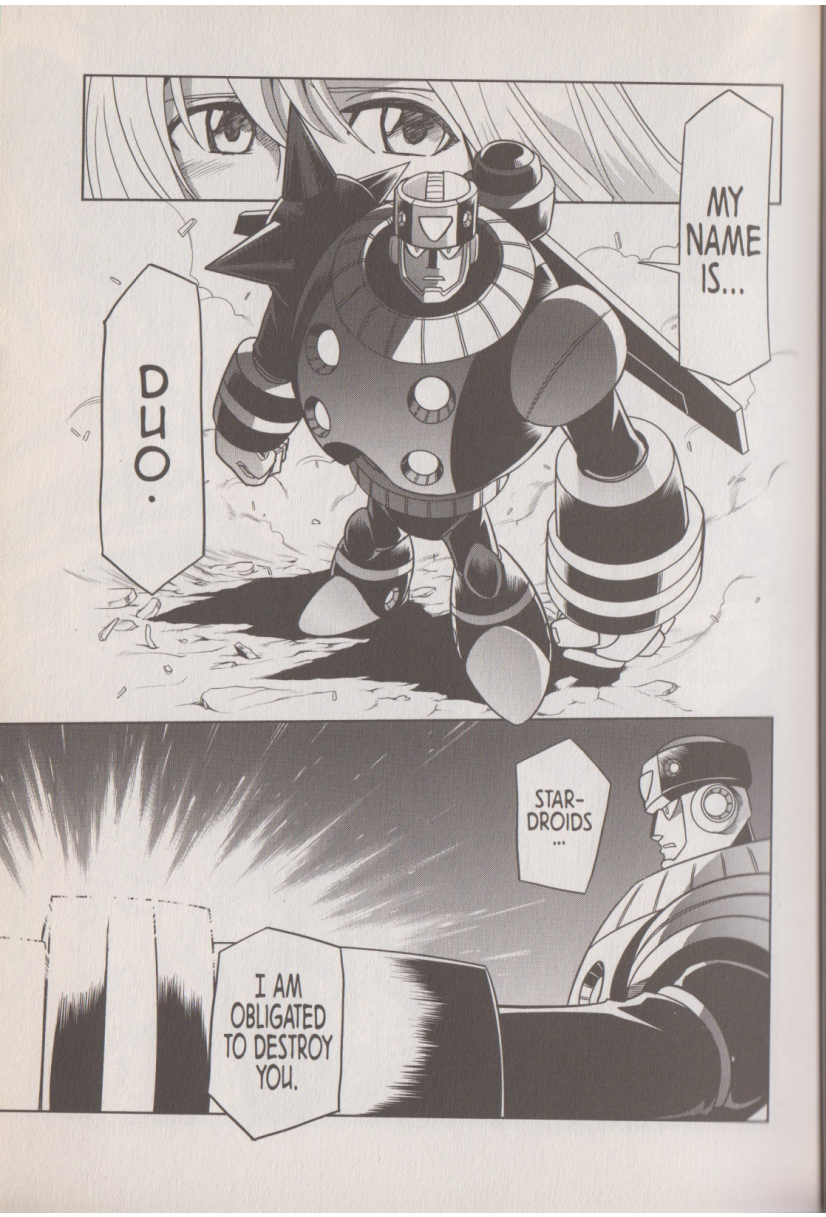
THE STAR-DROIDS !!
MEGA MAN ....!


WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS!?
WHY ARE YOU THREATENING EARTH!?
WE WERE CREATED TO DESTROY EVERYTHING IN THE UNIVERSE.
THAT...
... IS ...
... ALL!
WE ARE THE HARBINGERS OF THE END! WE ARE...

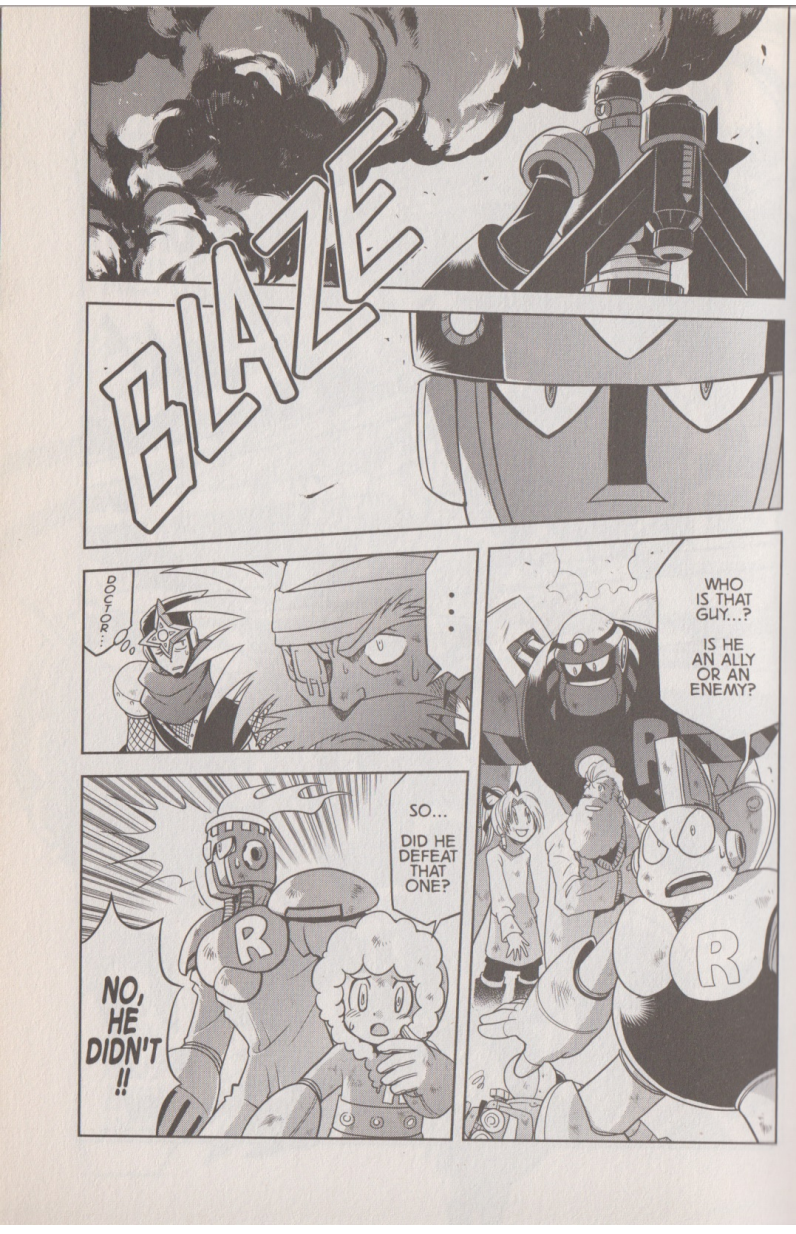

MEGA MAN
GIGAMIX
TO A SHINING MORROW
ROCK!!

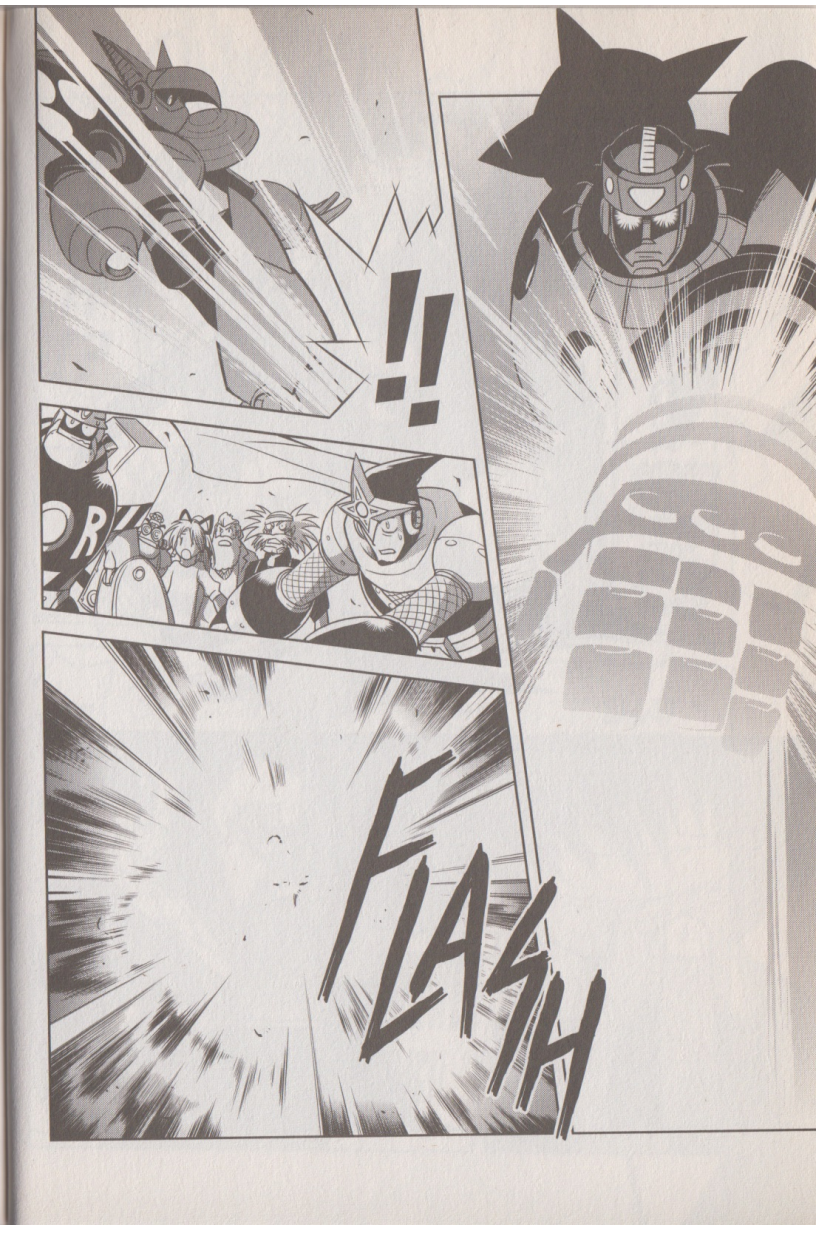
I'LL MAKE YOU REGRET THAT!!
VENUS...

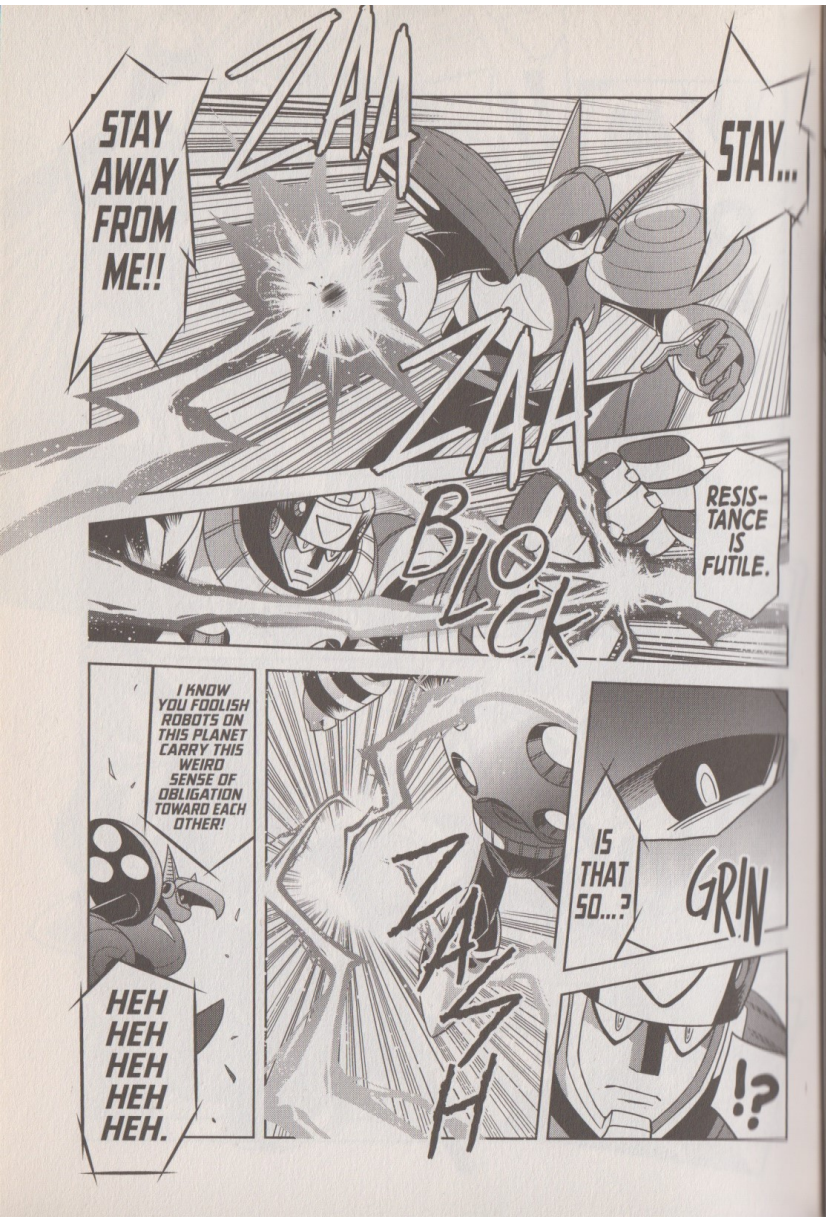

WHO ARE YOU...!?
THIS CAN'T... BE...
EEEEEEK!!
VENUS!!

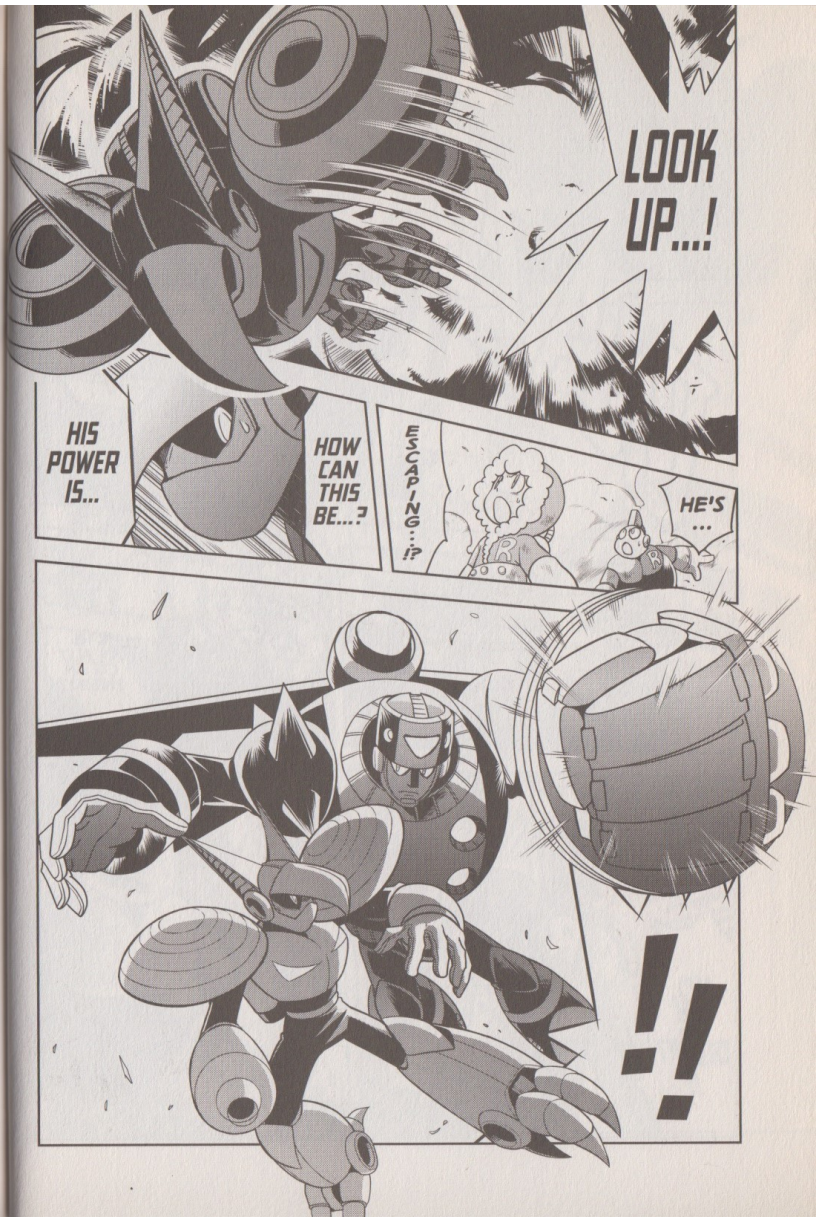

MY NAME IS...
DUO.
STAR-DROIDS ...
I AM OBLIGATED TO DESTROY YOU.

BLOCK
HUH!?
HE STOPPED ONE OF THE STARDROIDS' ATTACKS... WITH ONE HAND...!?
WHO ARE YOU!?
MY ELECTRIC SHOCK... HE...
THAT POWER...
ANSWER ME!!


BLAZE
DOCTOR...
...
WHO IS THAT GUY...?
IS HE AN ALLY OR AN ENEMY?
SO...
DID HE DEFEAT THAT ONE?
NO, HE DIDN'T !!

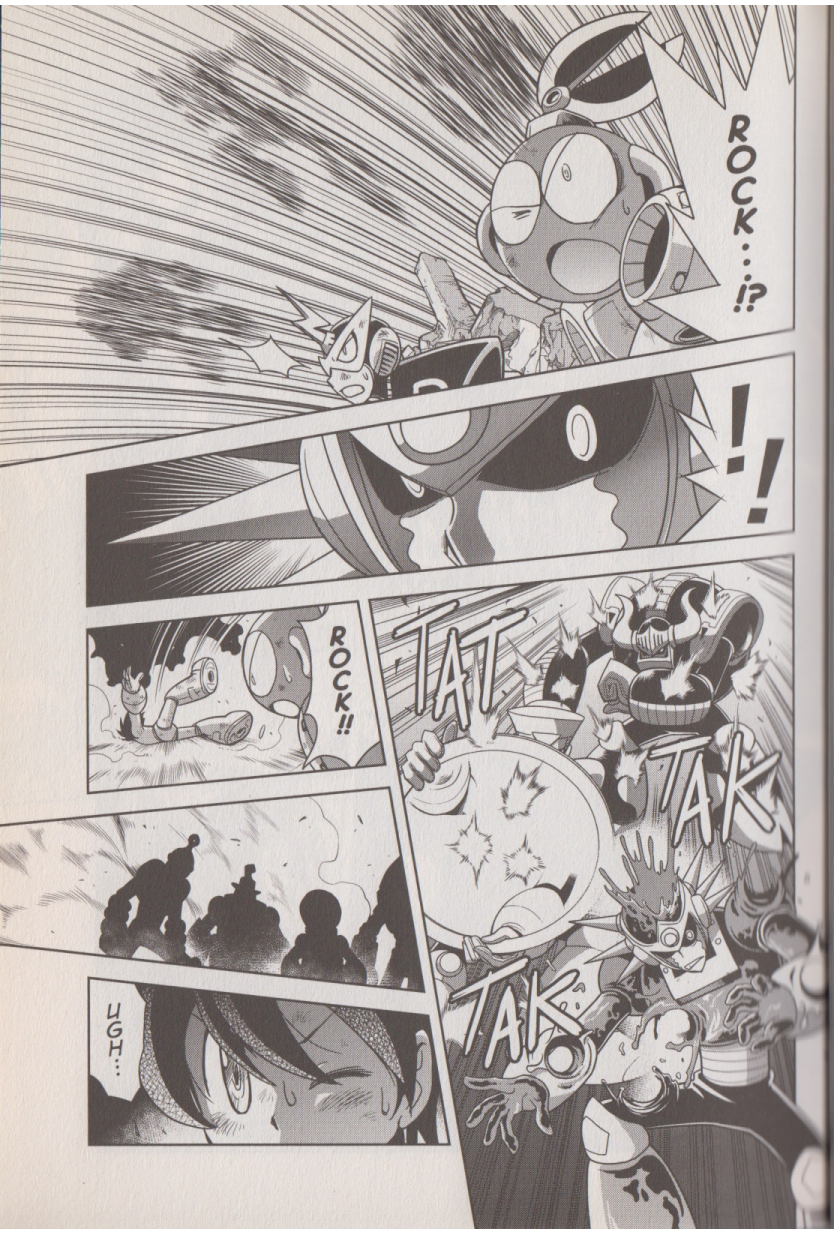

!!
FLASH

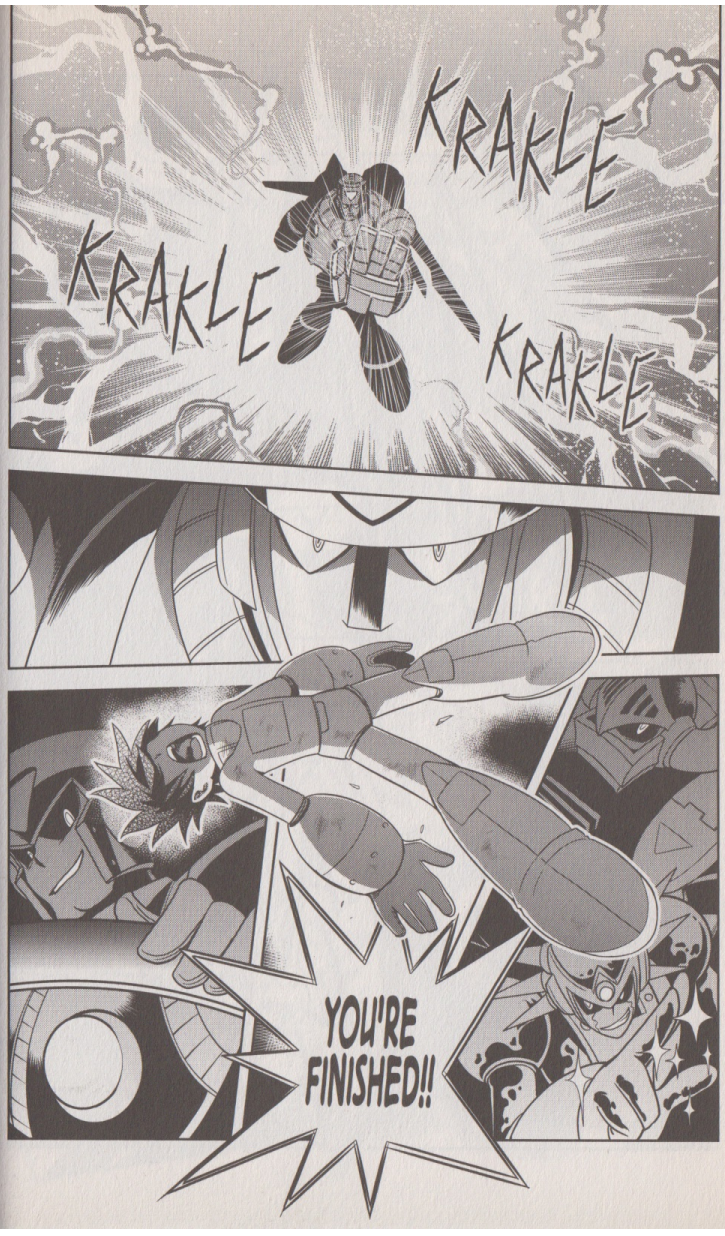

STAY AWAY FROM ME!!
ZAA
STAY...
ZAA
BLOCK
RESIS-TANCE IS FUTILE.
I KNOW YOU FOOLISH ROBOTS ON THIS PLANET CARRY THIS WEIRD SENSE OF OBLIGATION TOWARD EACH OTHER!
HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH.
ZASH
IS THAT SO...?
GRIN
!?


LOOK UP...!
HIS POWER IS...
HOW CAN THIS BE...?
ESCAPING...!?
HE'S ...
!!

SNAP
KRAKLE

DUO!!
!!
RUSH
I DON'T CARE.
ERRRRRTT
FOOSH
!?


ROCK...!?
!!
ROCK!!
TAT
TAK
TAK
UGH...


KRAKLE
KRAKLE
KRAKLE
YOU'RE FINISHED!!

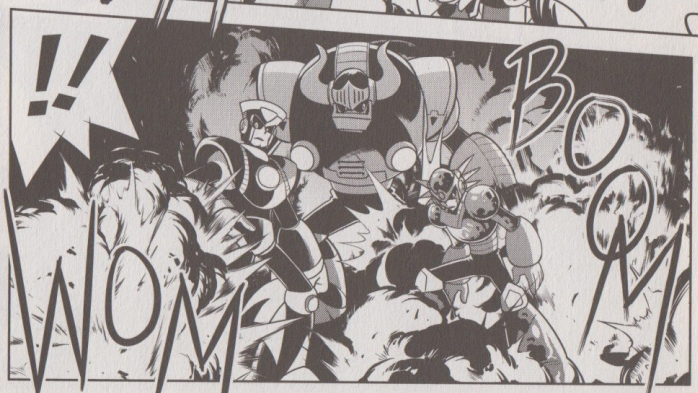
THE COSSACK NUMBERS!!
WHO ARE THESE GUYS SUPPOSED TO BE...?
IT'S...

BA FA AM BA
BA BA BA
WAM ZAA

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU!?
RING MAN...
EVERYONE...!

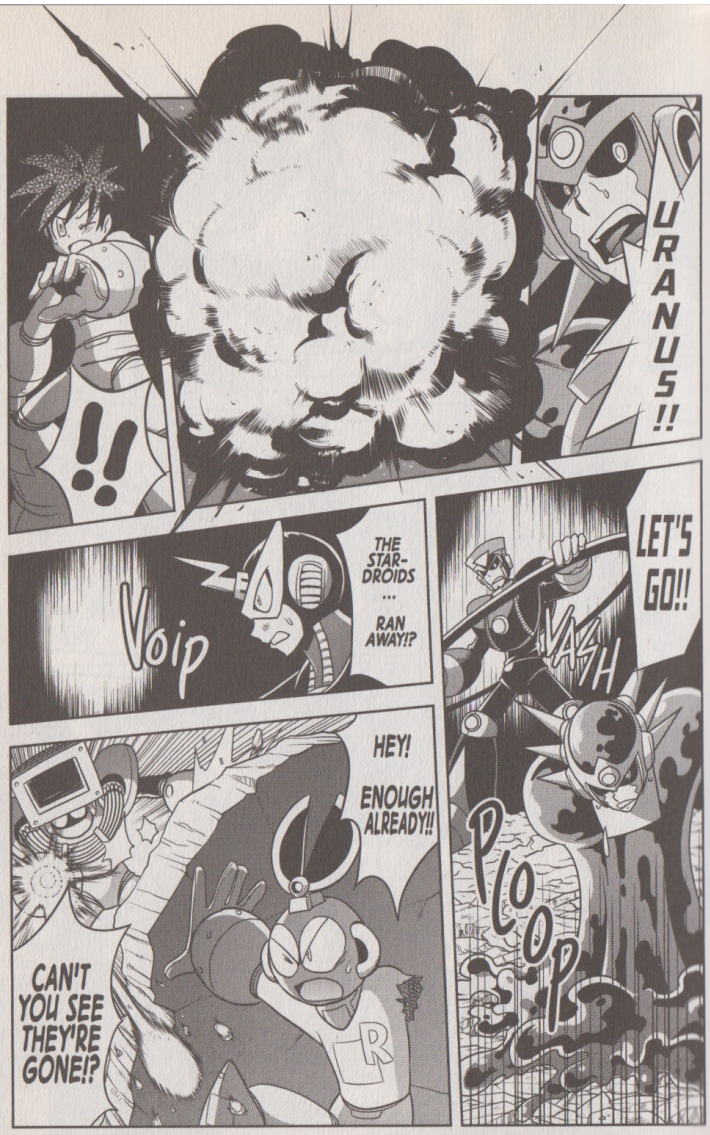
ROOOAAAAAAAAARR!!
?
GRRRRR!!
HEY, GUYS! YOU'VE GOT SOME SERIOUSLY GOOD TIMING...

RWOM
!?


!!
BOOM
WOM

THE STAR-DROIDS !!
ARE
WE
URANUS! WAIT!!
FLASH

!
WHAT IS THIS ENERGY ...?
...
MMMOOOOO!!
THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THESE GUYS...
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE...!


URANUS!!
!!
THE STAR-DROIDS ... RAN AWAY!?
Voip
LET'S GO!!
YAAH
HEY! ENOUGH ALREADY!!
CAN'T YOU SEE THEY'RE GONE!?
Ploop

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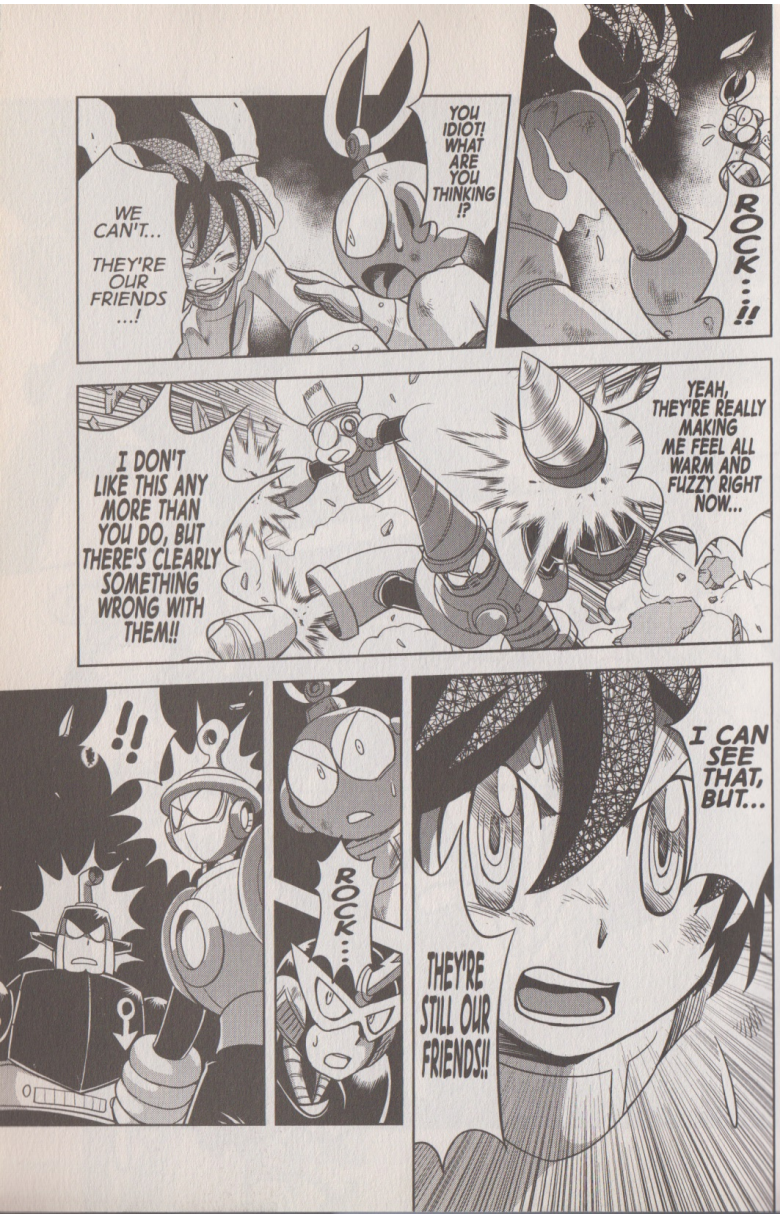
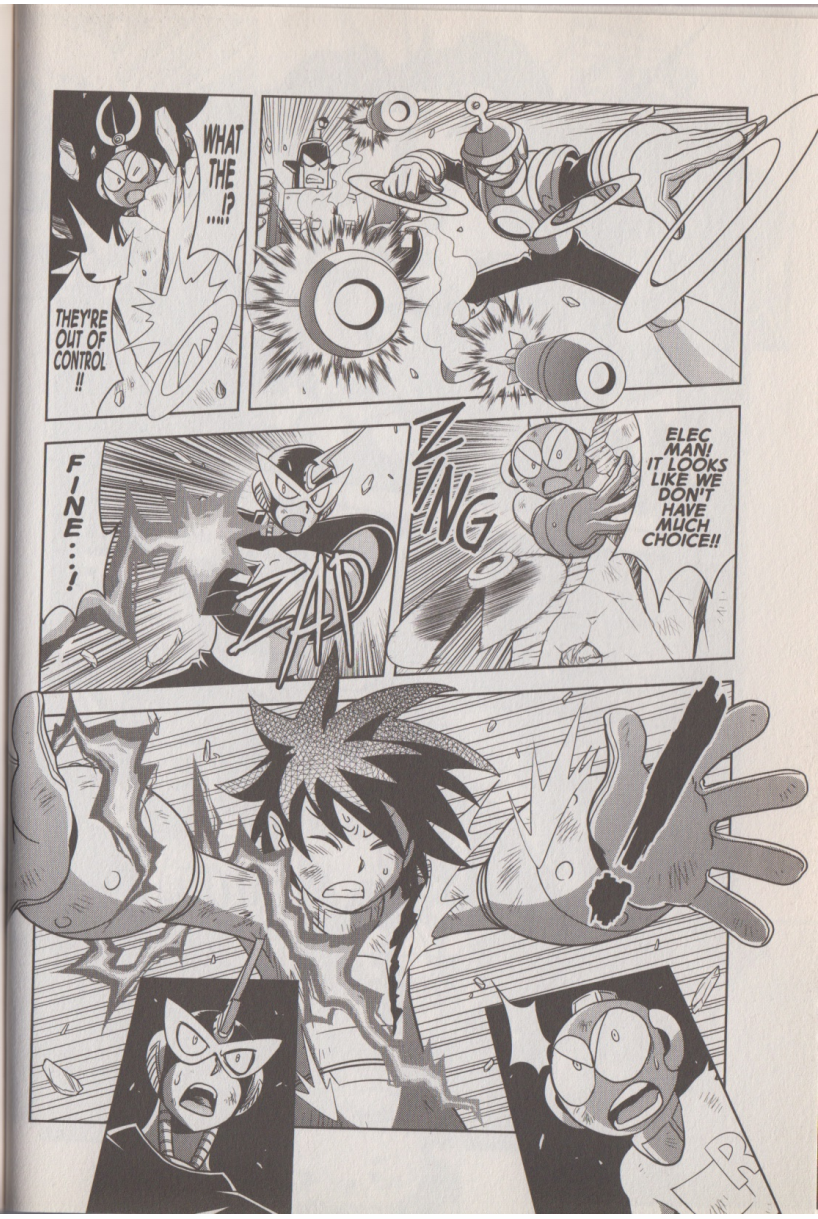
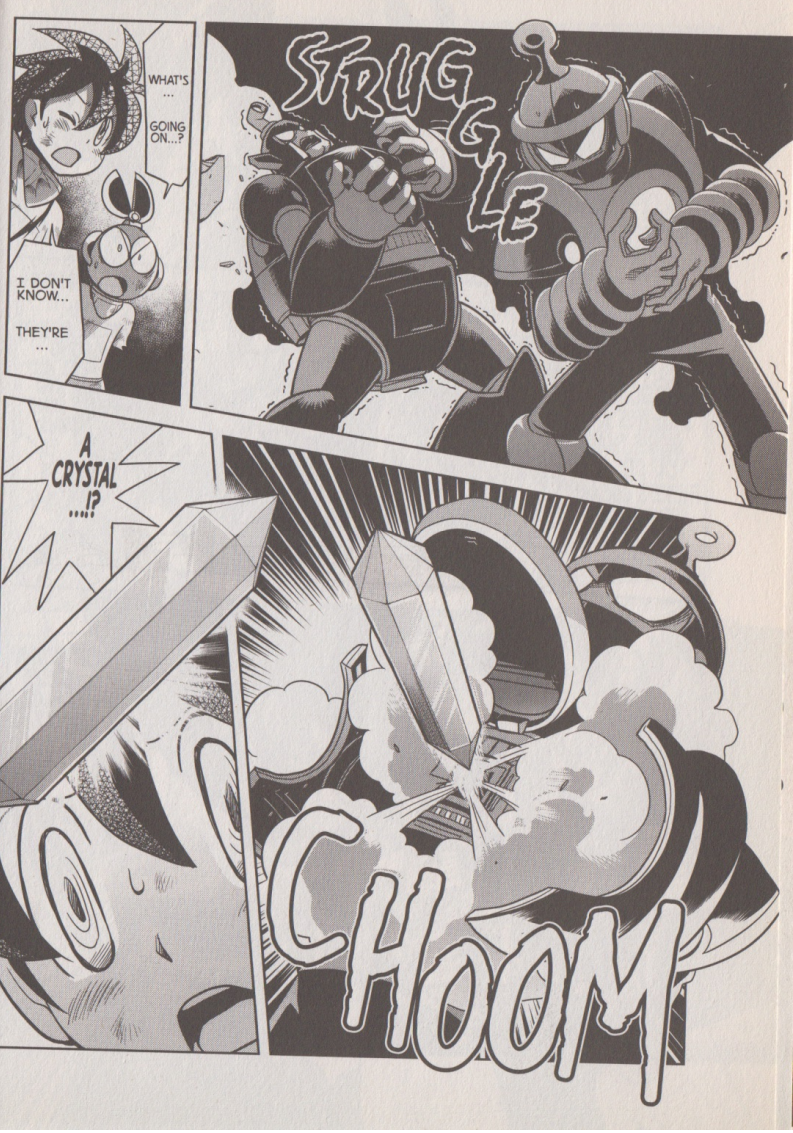
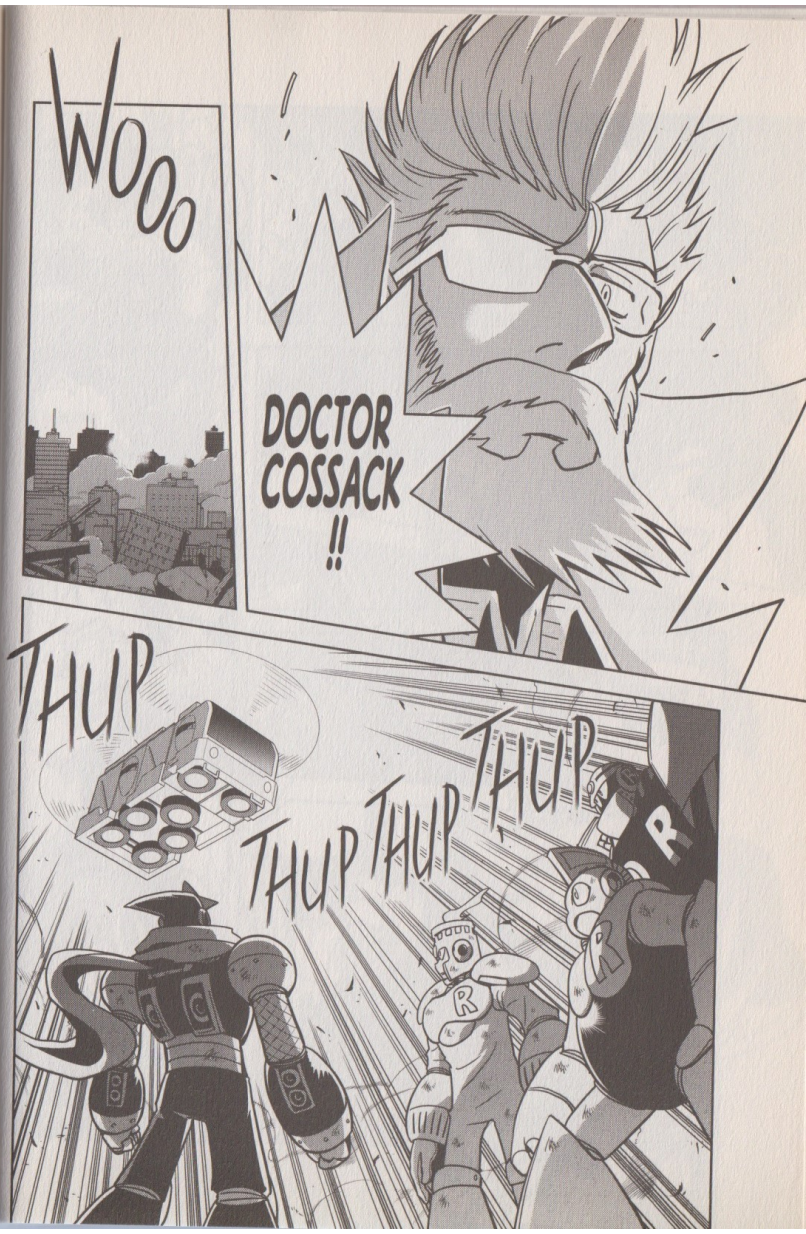

WE CAN'T... THEY'RE OUR FRIENDS ...!
YOU IDIOT! WHAT ARE YOU THINKING !?
ROCK...!!
I DON'T LIKE THIS ANY MORE THAN YOU DO, BUT THERE'S CLEARLY SOMETHING WRONG WITH THEM!!
YEAH, THEY'RE REALLY MAKING ME FEEL ALL WARM AND FUZZY RIGHT NOW...
!!
ROCK...
I CAN SEE THAT, BUT...
THEY'RE STILL OUR FRIENDS!!

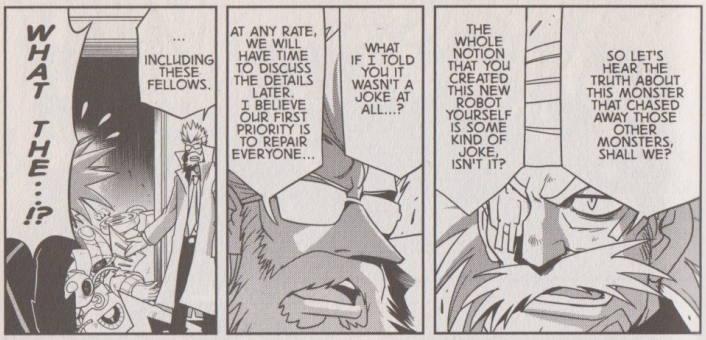

WHAT THE ...!?
THEY'RE OUT OF CONTROL !!
FINE...!
ZAP
ZING
ELEC MAN! IT LOOKS LIKE WE DON'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE!!

WHAT IN THE NAME OF ROBOTICS ...!?
WH...
THIS CRYSTAL...
IT LOOKS LIKE...
I WOULDN'T TOUCH THAT IF I WERE YOU, ROCK.
YOU MIGHT LOSE YOUR SENSES, LIKE RING MAN AND THE OTHERS.
CHOOM
CHOOM
CHOOM


WHAT'S ... GOING ON...?
I DON'T KNOW... THEY'RE ...
STRUGGLE
A CRYSTAL ...!?
CHOOM

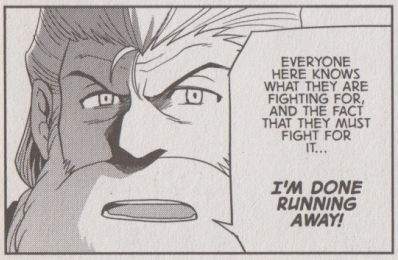
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE ALL OKAY!
ROCK!!
ROCK!!
WELL...
IT WAS ALL THANKS TO THEM.


WOOO
DOCTOR COSSACK !!
THUP
THUP THUP THUP


WHAT THE...!?
...INCLUDING THESE FELLOWS.
AT ANY RATE, WE WILL HAVE TIME TO DISCUSS THE DETAILS LATER. I BELIEVE OUR FIRST PRIORITY IS TO REPAIR EVERYONE...
WHAT IF I TOLD YOU IT WASN'T A JOKE AT ALL...?
THE WHOLE NOTION THAT YOU CREATED THIS NEW ROBOT YOURSELF IS SOME KIND OF JOKE, ISN'T IT?
SO LET'S HEAR THE TRUTH ABOUT THIS MONSTER THAT CHASED AWAY THOSE OTHER MONSTERS, SHALL WE?

ER... THEY'VE BEEN WORKING HARD, DOING PART-TIME JOBS IN ORDER TO FUND YOUR RESEARCH...
WHAT HAVE YOU LOT BEEN UP TO!? I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU AROUND IN AGES, AND NOW YOU SHOW UP DEFEATED LIKE THE LOSERS YOU ARE!?
CHARGE MAN! CRYSTAL MAN!! WAVE MAN, TOO!?

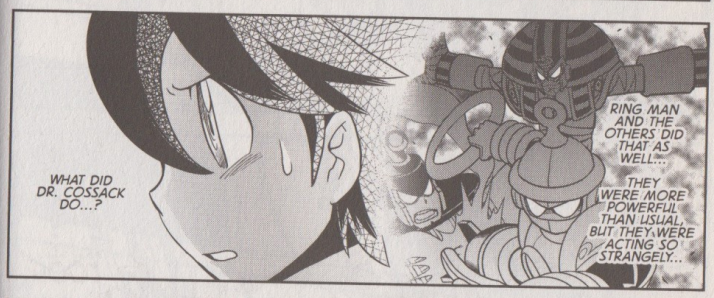
HM...? WEREN'T YOU OPPOSED TO REPAIRING THEM ONLY A FEW SHORT MOMENTS AGO?
WHAT CHANGED?


EVERYONE HERE KNOWS WHAT THEY ARE FIGHTING FOR, AND THE FACT THAT THEY MUST FIGHT FOR IT...
I'M DONE RUNNING AWAY!

LET'S GET STARTED.
LIGHT!!
I SUPPOSE I'LL HAVE TO REPAIR YOU USELESS NITWITS AS WELL!

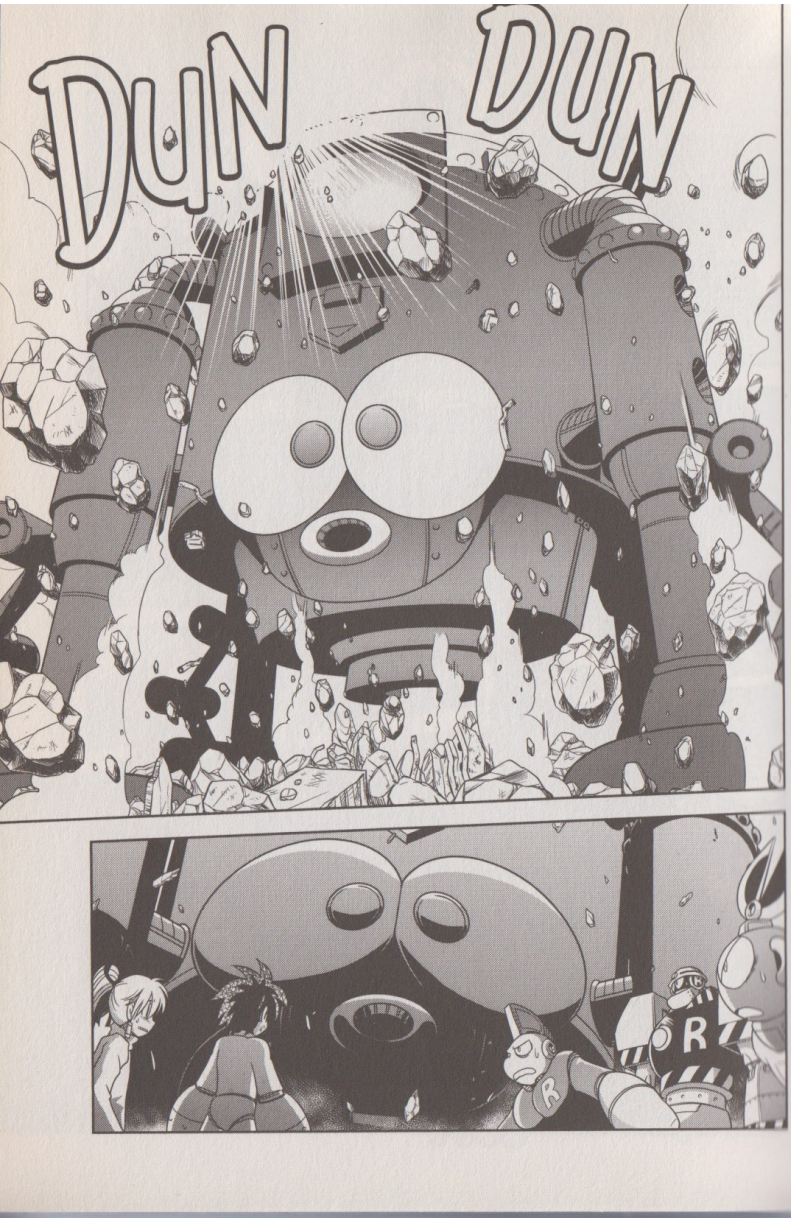
THE STAR-DROIDS...? BY HIMSELF...?
HE WAS AMAZING! HE BEAT UP AND CHASED AWAY THOSE MEAN STAR-DROIDS ALL BY HIMSELF!!

HE'S A ROBOT CREATED BY DR. COSSACK.
HIS NAME'S DUO.
KALINKA AND...?


WHAT DID DR. COSSACK DO...?
RING MAN AND THE OTHERS DID THAT AS WELL...
THEY WERE MORE POWERFUL THAN USUAL, BUT THEY WERE ACTING SO STRANGELY...

DR. WILY!?
FATHER!!

DUNDUN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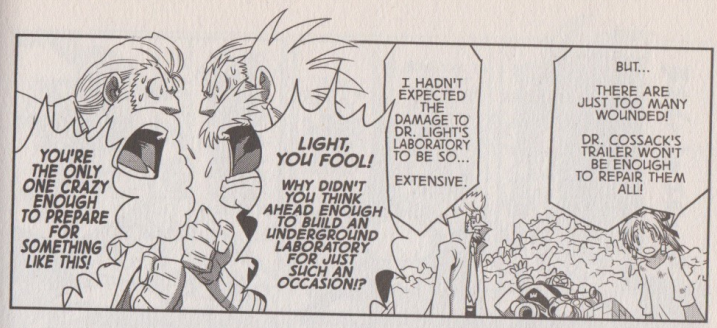
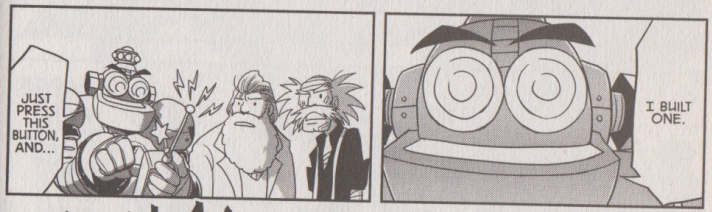
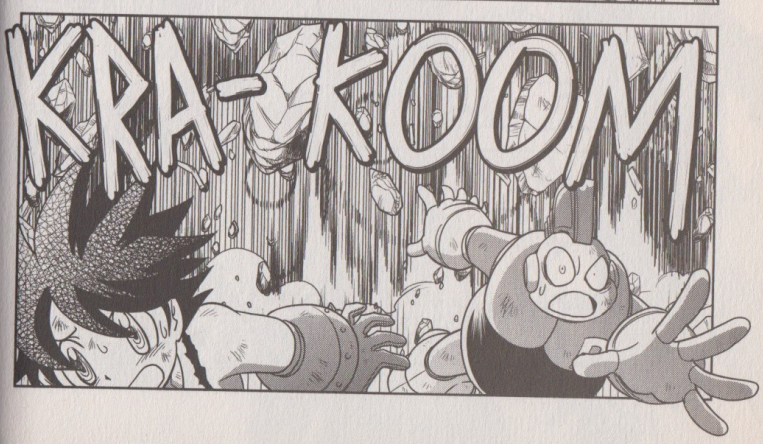
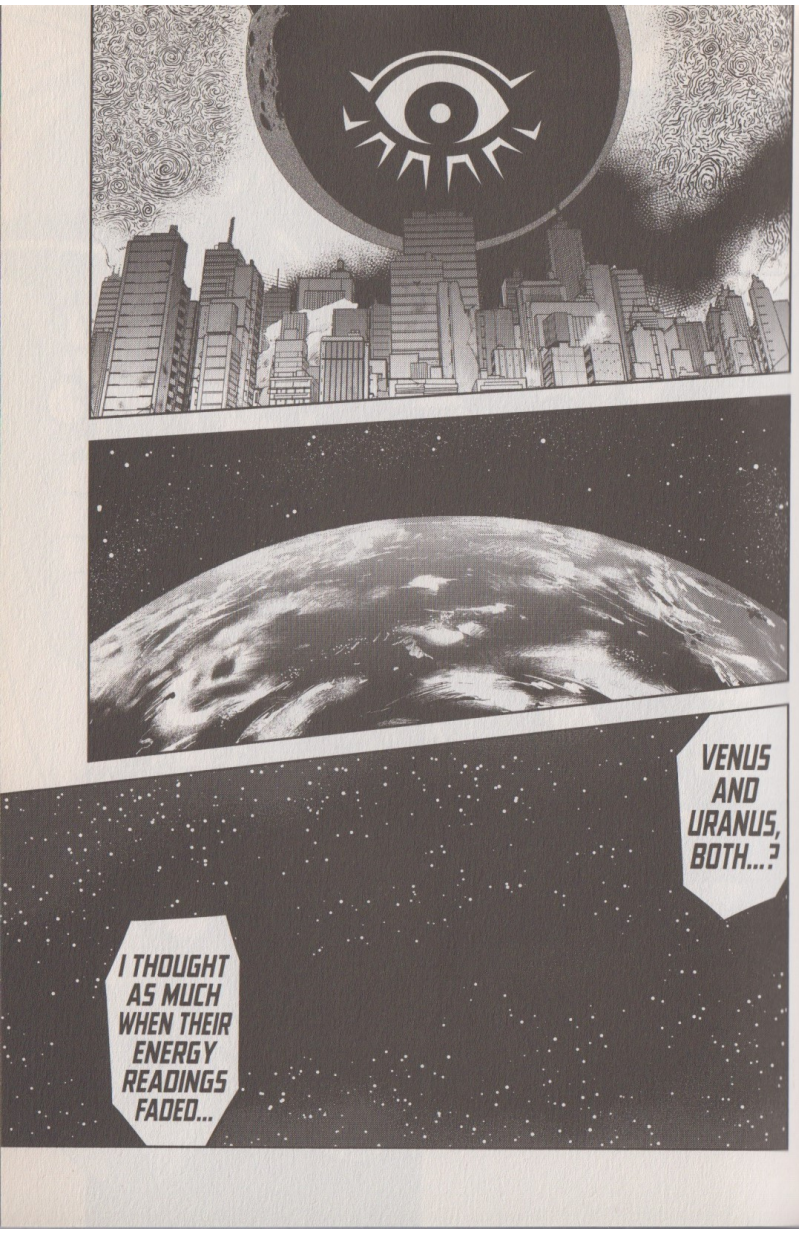
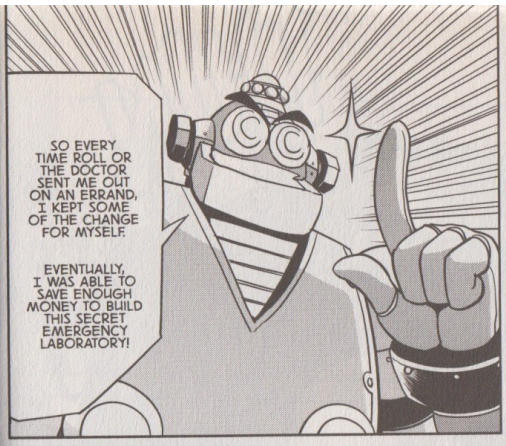

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE CRAZY ENOUGH TO PREPARE FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS!
LIGHT, YOU FOOL!
WHY DIDN'T YOU THINK AHEAD ENOUGH TO BUILD AN UNDERGROUND LABORATORY FOR JUST SUCH AN OCCASION!?
I HADN'T EXPECTED THE DAMAGE TO DR. LIGHT'S LABORATORY TO BE SO... EXTENSIVE.
BUT... THERE ARE JUST TOO MANY WOUNDED!
DR. COSSACK'S TRAILER WON'T BE ENOUGH TO REPAIR THEM ALL!

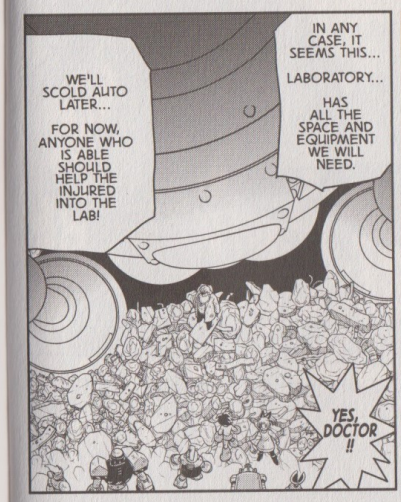

JUST PRESS THIS BUTTON, AND...
I BUILT ONE.

RUM?BLE
R


KRA-KOOM

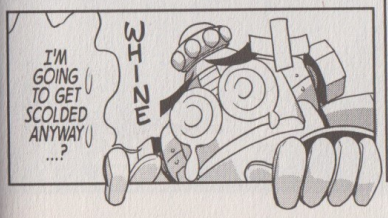

I THOUGHT AS MUCH WHEN THEIR ENERGY READINGS FADED...
VENUS AND URANUS, BOTH...?

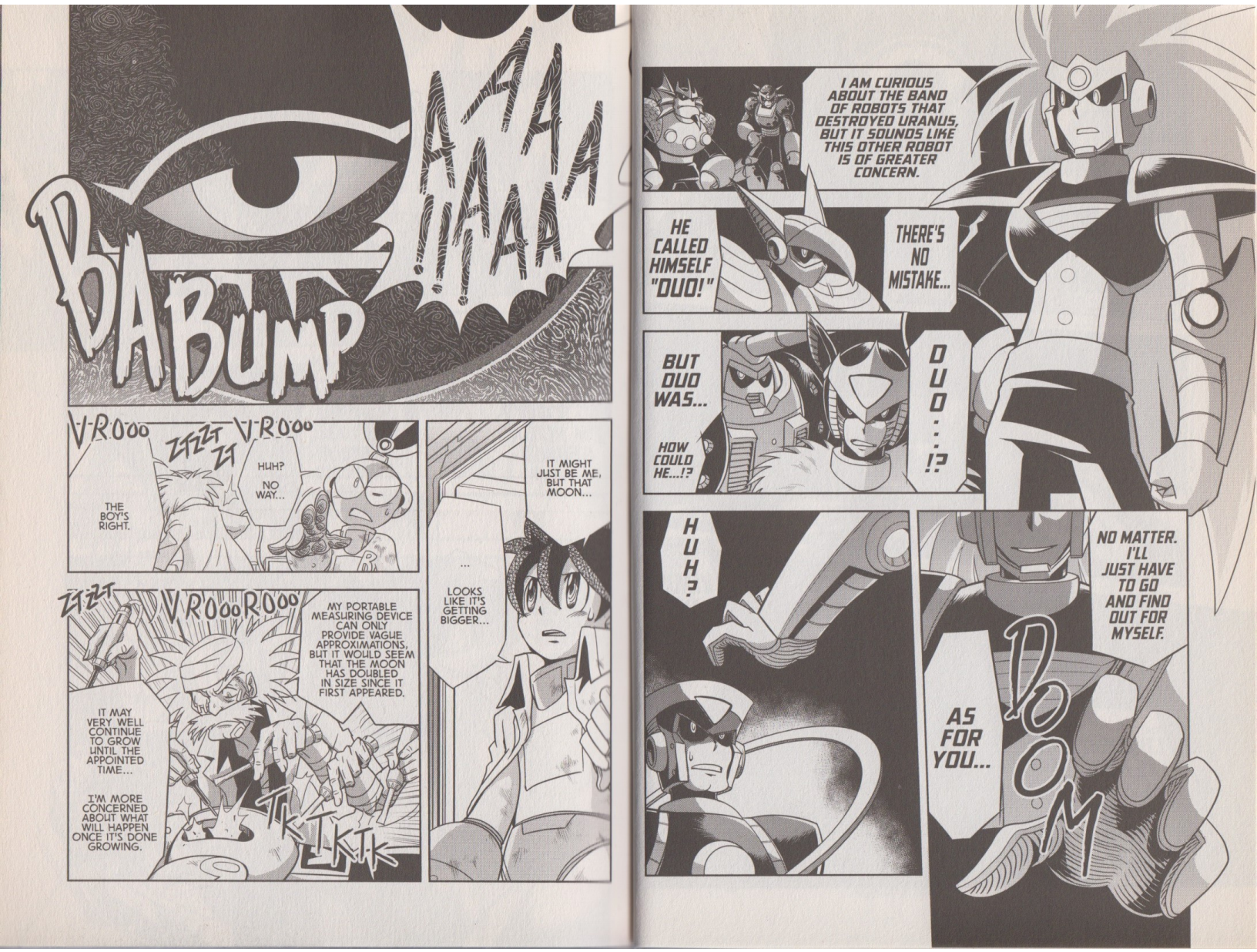

SO EVERY TIME ROLL OR THE DOCTOR SENT ME OUT ON AN ERRAND, I KEPT SOME OF THE CHANGE FOR MYSELF.
EVENTUALLY, I WAS ABLE TO SAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO BUILD THIS SECRET EMERGENCY LABORATORY!
I KNEW THIS DAY WOULD COME...


WE'LL SCOLD AUTO LATER...
FOR NOW, ANYONE WHO IS ABLE SHOULD HELP THE INJURED INTO THE LAB!
IN ANY CASE, IT SEEMS THIS...
LABORATORY...
HAS ALL THE SPACE AND EQUIPMENT WE WILL NEED.
YES, DOCTOR!!

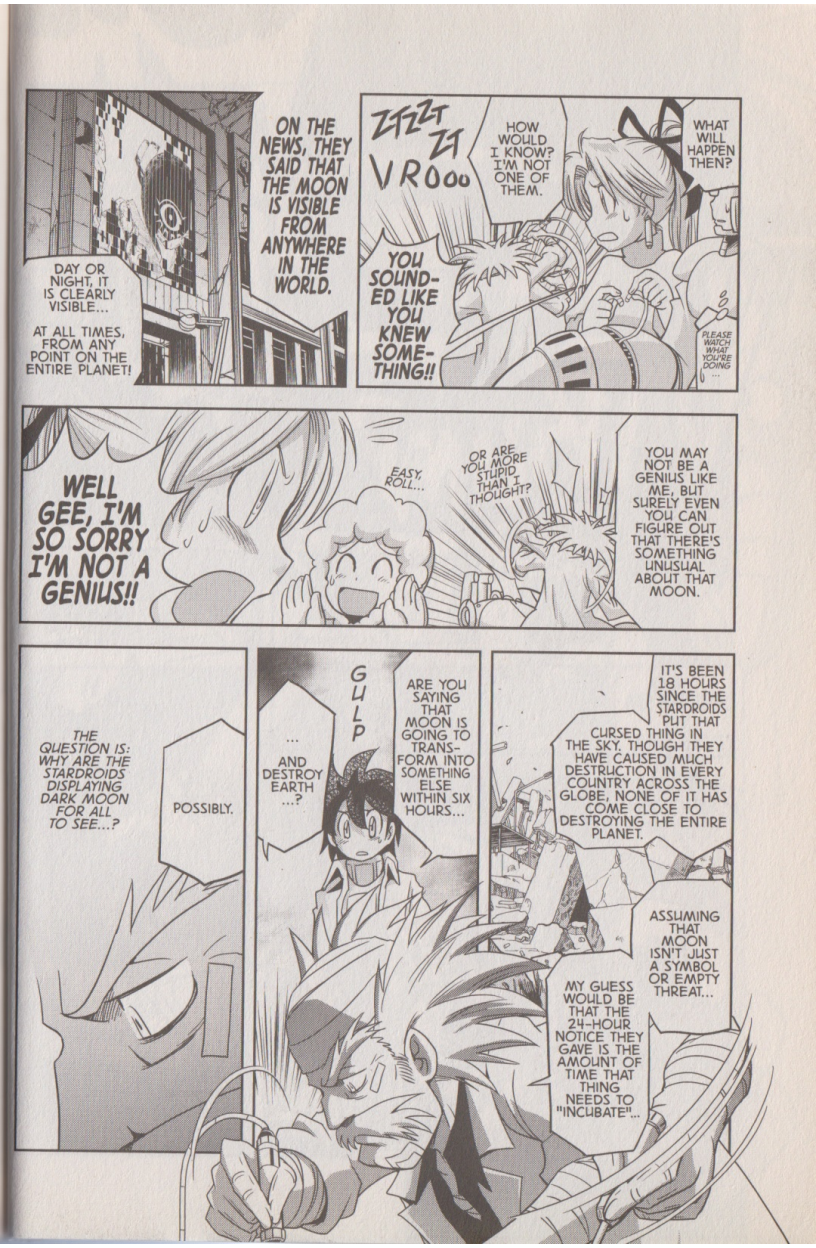
I HAD NO IDEA...
YOU BUILT THIS...
WITH SOME LOOSE CHANGE...?

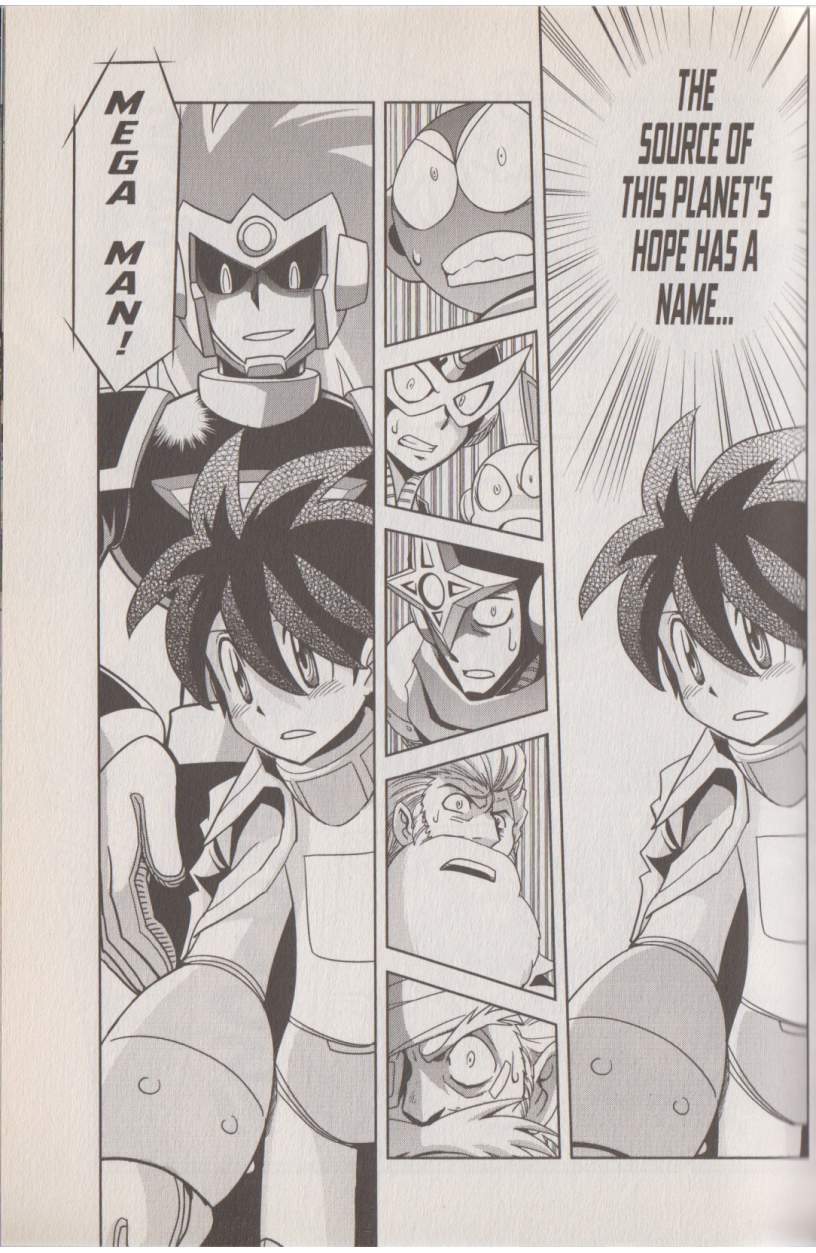
I CALL IT...
"DR. AUTO'S LABO--
SMACK
OW!!
SO YOU'RE THE REASON OUR ACCOUNTING BOOKS WEREN'T BALANCING!!


I'M GOING TO GET SCOLDED ANYWAY...?
WHINE


BABUMP
AAAAAAAAAA!!!
VROOO
ZTZZT ZT
VROOO
THE BOY'S RIGHT.
HUH? NO WAY...
IT MAY VERY WELL CONTINUE TO GROW UNTIL THE APPOINTED TIME...
I'M MORE CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN ONCE IT'S DONE GROWING.
ZTZZT
VROOOROOO
MY PORTABLE MEASURING DEVICE CAN ONLY PROVIDE VAGUE APPROXIMATIONS, BUT IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE MOON HAS DOUBLED IN SIZE SINCE IT FIRST APPEARED.
TKTKTK
IT MIGHT JUST BE ME, BUT THAT MOON...
...
LOOKS LIKE IT'S GETTING BIGGER...
I AM CURIOUS ABOUT THE BAND OF ROBOTS THAT DESTROYED URANUS, BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE THIS OTHER ROBOT IS OF GREATER CONCERN.
THERE'S NO MISTAKE...
HE CALLED HIMSELF "DUO!"
DUO...!?
BUT DUO WAS...
HOW COULD HE...!?
HUH?
NO MATTER. I'LL JUST HAVE TO GO AND FIND OUT FOR MYSELF.
AS FOR YOU...
DOOM

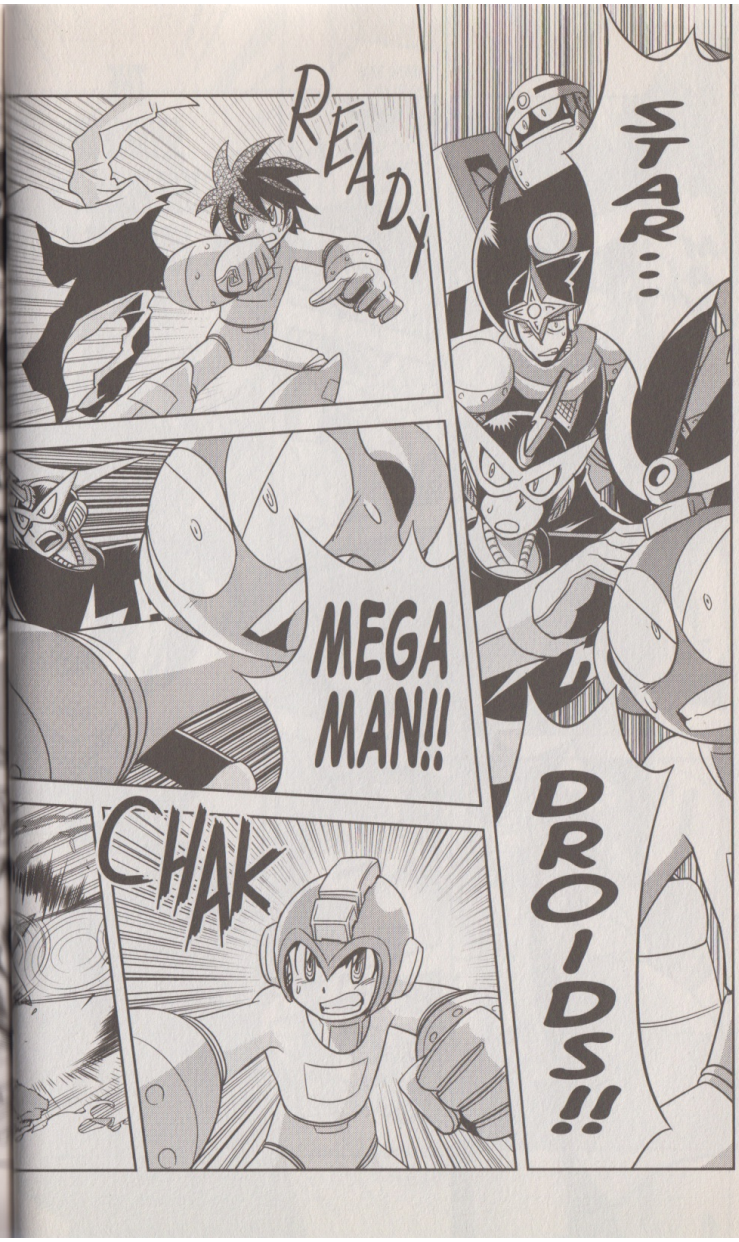
AAAAA!!
MY EYE...
MY EYE!!
WE ARE THE MASTERS OF DESTRUCTION!
NONE OF US SHOULD BE RETREATING FROM BATTLE!!
DARK MOON FEEDS OFF OF NEGATIVE EMOTIONS LIKE FEAR AND DESPAIR...
AAAAAA!!
THERE MUST BE A REASON...
IT DOES BOTHER ME, HOWEVER, THAT DARK MOON'S GROWTH RATE IS SLOWER THAN EXPECTED ...
YOUR PAIN WILL ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO DARK MOON'S GROWTH.
BE HAPPY, MY BROTHER.


ON THE NEWS, THEY SAID THAT THE MOON IS VISIBLE FROM ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.
DAY OR NIGHT, IT IS CLEARLY VISIBLE...
AT ALL TIMES, FROM ANY POINT ON THE ENTIRE PLANET!
ZZZZT ZZ VROOO
HOW WOULD I KNOW? I'M NOT ONE OF THEM.
WHAT WILL HAPPEN THEN?
YOU SOUNDED LIKE YOU KNEW SOMETHING!!
PLEASE WATCH WHAT YOU'RE DOING ...
WELL GEE, I'M SO SORRY I'M NOT A GENIUS!!
EASY, ROLL...
OR ARE YOU MORE STUPID THAN I THOUGHT?
YOU MAY NOT BE A GENIUS LIKE ME, BUT SURELY EVEN YOU CAN FIGURE OUT THAT THERE'S SOMETHING UNUSUAL ABOUT THAT MOON.
THE QUESTION IS: WHY ARE THE STARDROIDS DISPLAYING DARK MOON FOR ALL TO SEE...?
POSSIBLY.
GULP
... AND DESTROY EARTH ...?
ARE YOU SAYING THAT MOON IS GOING TO TRANSFORM INTO SOMETHING ELSE WITHIN SIX HOURS...
IT'S BEEN 18 HOURS SINCE THE STARDROIDS PUT THAT CURSED THING IN THE SKY. THOUGH THEY HAVE CAUSED MUCH DESTRUCTION IN EVERY COUNTRY ACROSS THE GLOBE, NONE OF IT HAS COME CLOSE TO DESTROYING THE ENTIRE PLANET.
ASSUMING THAT MOON ISN'T JUST A SYMBOL OR EMPTY THREAT...
MY GUESS WOULD BE THAT THE 24-HOUR NOTICE THEY GAVE IS THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT THING NEEDS TO "INCUBATE"...


MEGA MAN!
THE SOURCE OF THIS PLANET'S HOPE HAS A NAME...

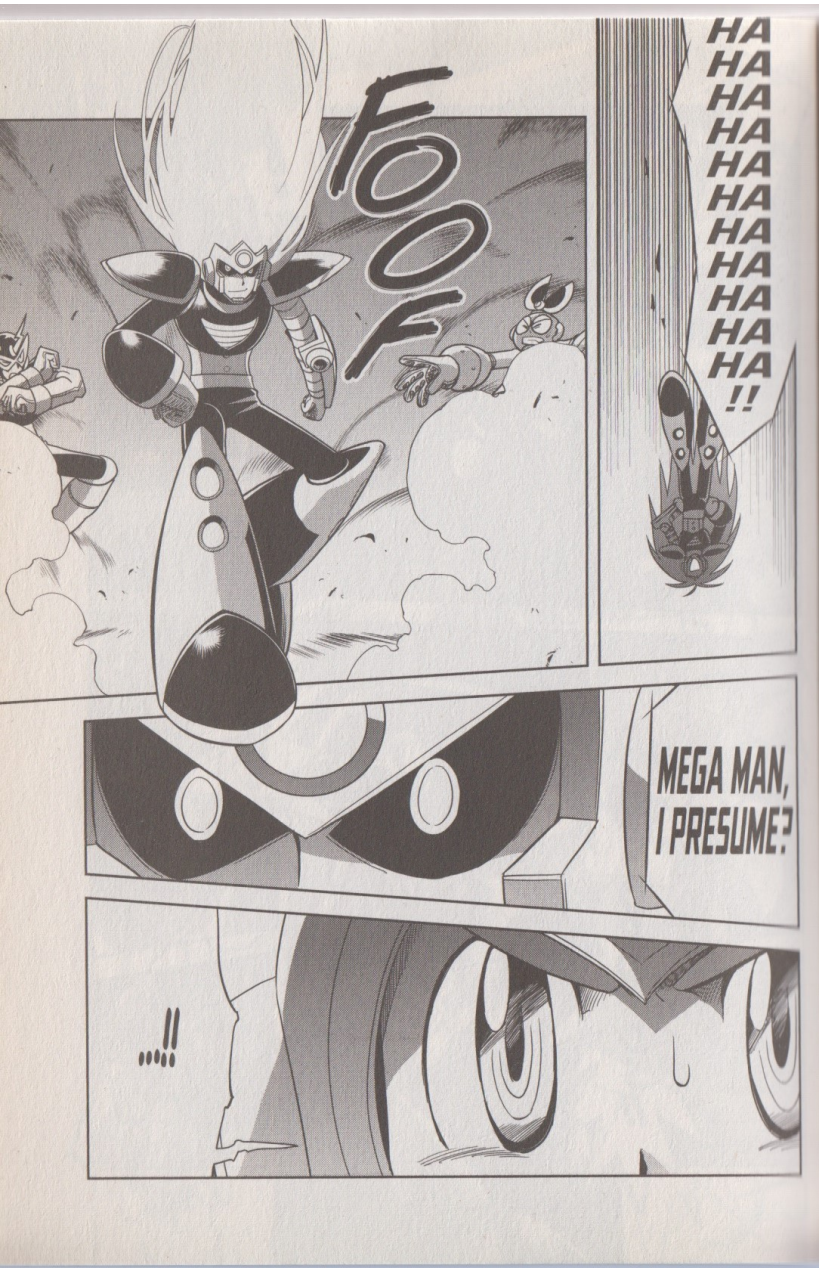
WE HAVE CAUSED CHAOS AND PAIN IN EVERY AREA OF THIS PATHETIC PLANET! HOW IS IT THAT THE PEOPLE ARE NOT WALLOWING IN DESPAIR!?
SPWOOF
FOOLISH HUMANS !!
AAAA!!
AH... I SEE NOW...
SATURN, YOUR EYE HAS GIVEN ME THE DATA I NEEDED TO SOLVE OUR LITTLE MYSTERY...
HE CAN BEAT THE STAR-DROIDS!!
HE CAN DO IT...!

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA !!


READY
STAR...
MEGA MAN!!
DROIDS!!
CHAK

EVIL MUST BE DESTROYED !!
WOOSH
STAR-DROIDS ...!
BA
BA
BA
BA
BA
BA
I CAN SEE HOW YOU WERE CAPABLE OF DEFEATING VENUS...
HOWEVER...
AMAZING...
THEY'RE ... EQUALS ...?

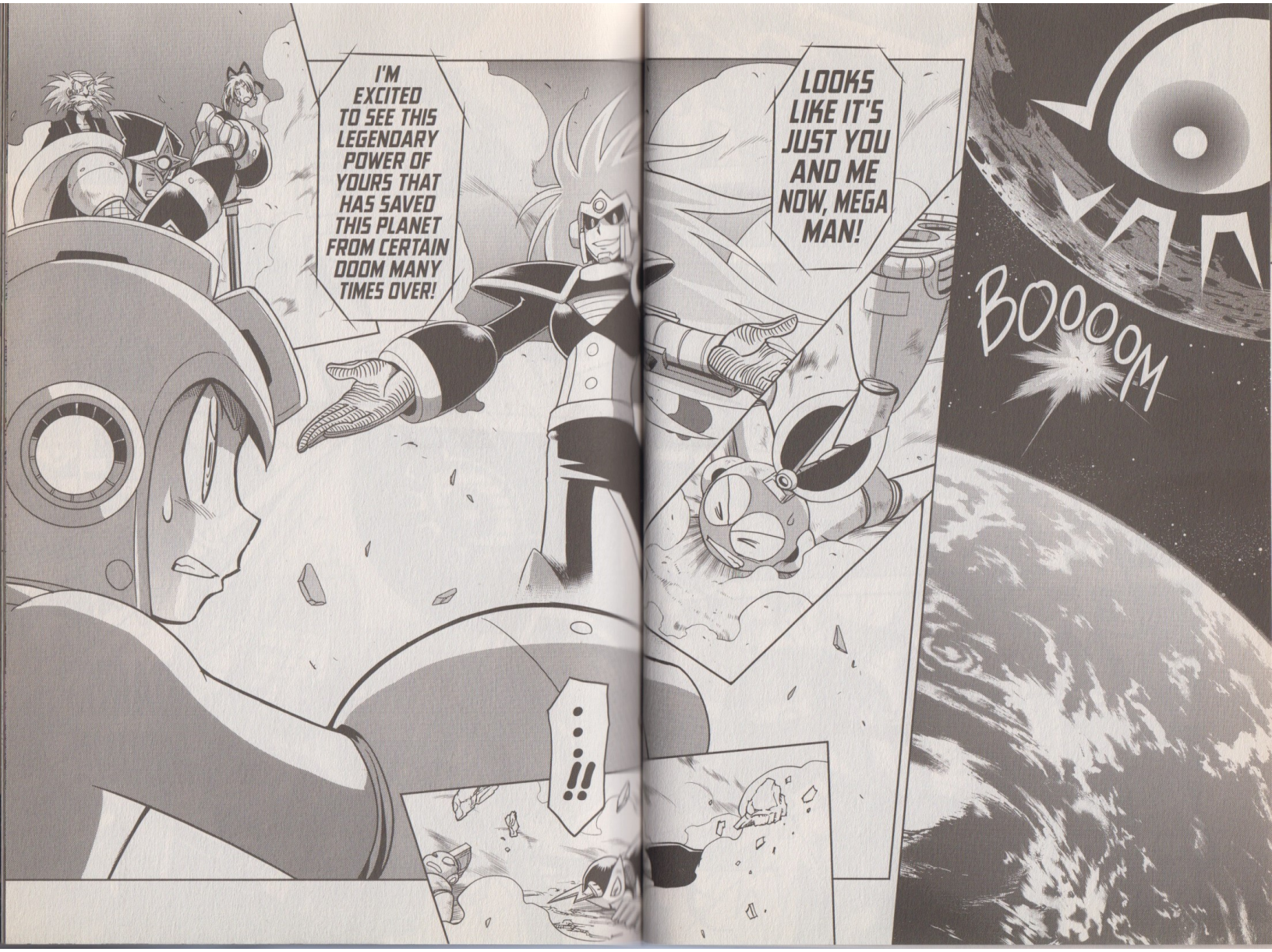
VASH
ZAK
BLOCK
SO...
YOU MUST BE "DUO" ...
RUMMBBLE

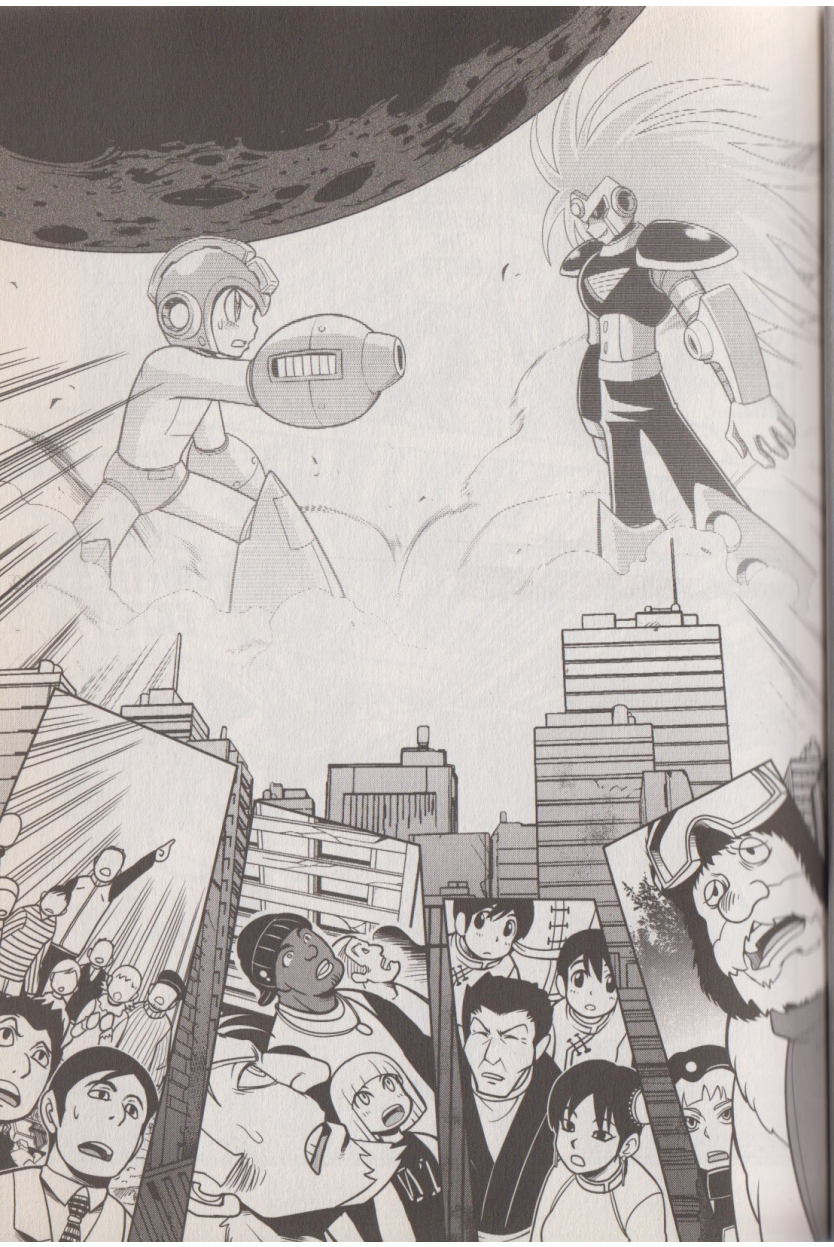

FOOF
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA !!
MEGA MAN, I PRESUME?
...!!

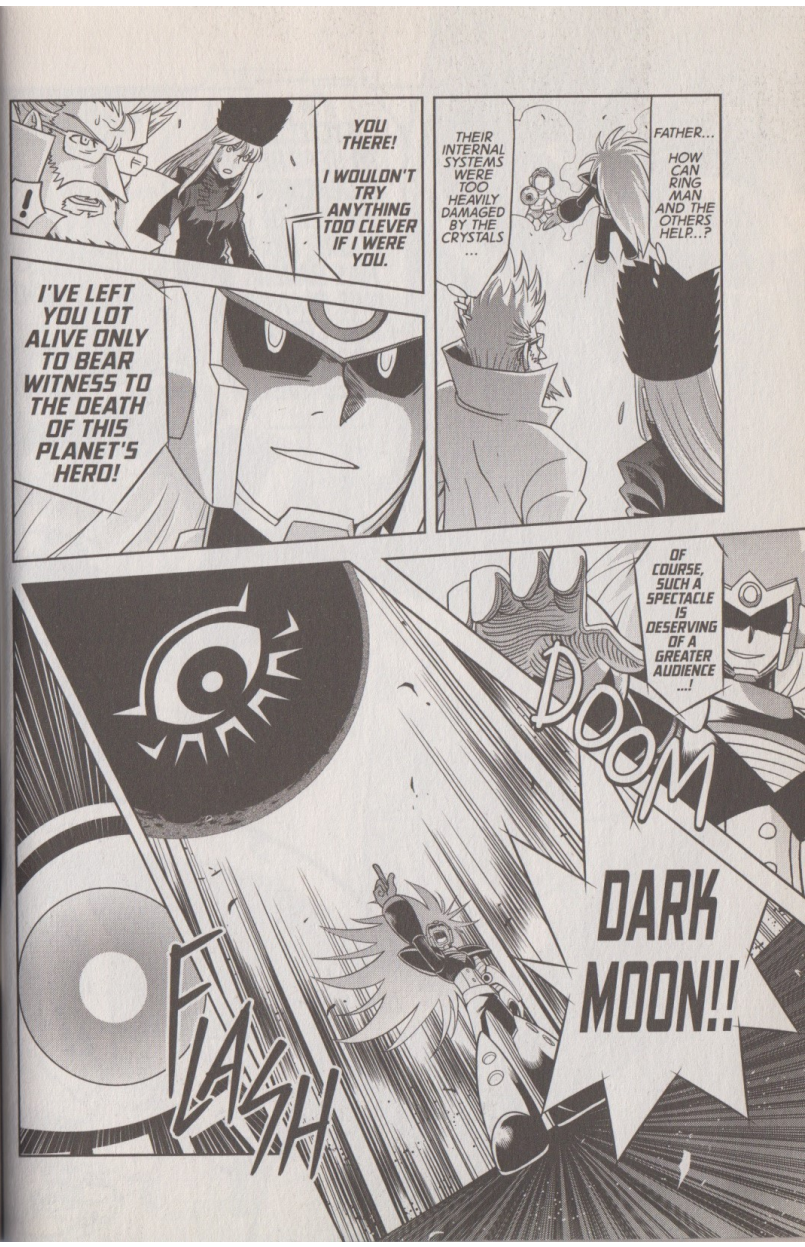
!?
VASH
!
HMM
YOU'RE NOT THE REASON I CAME DOWN HERE!
HA HA HA HA HA !!
MY BROTHERS ARE WAITING FOR YOU ELSEWHERE.
THAT'S SATURN'S BLACK HOLE.
DUO!!

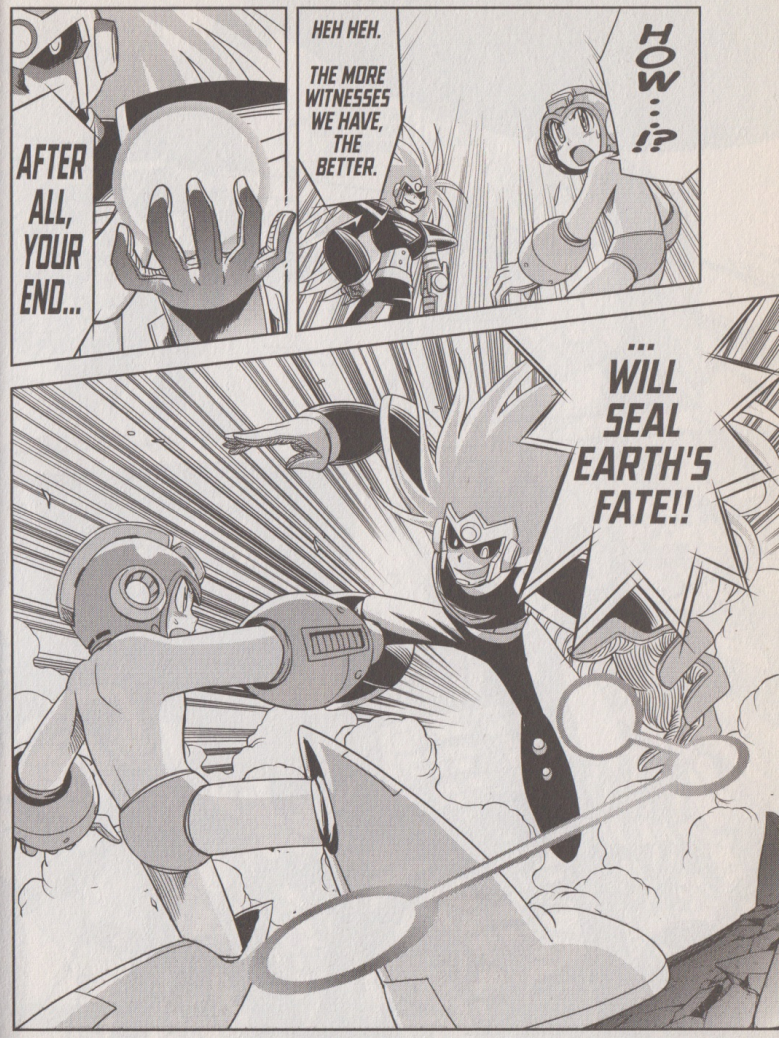
BOOM
BA
ZA
BA
BA
BA
BA
VZ
BOOM

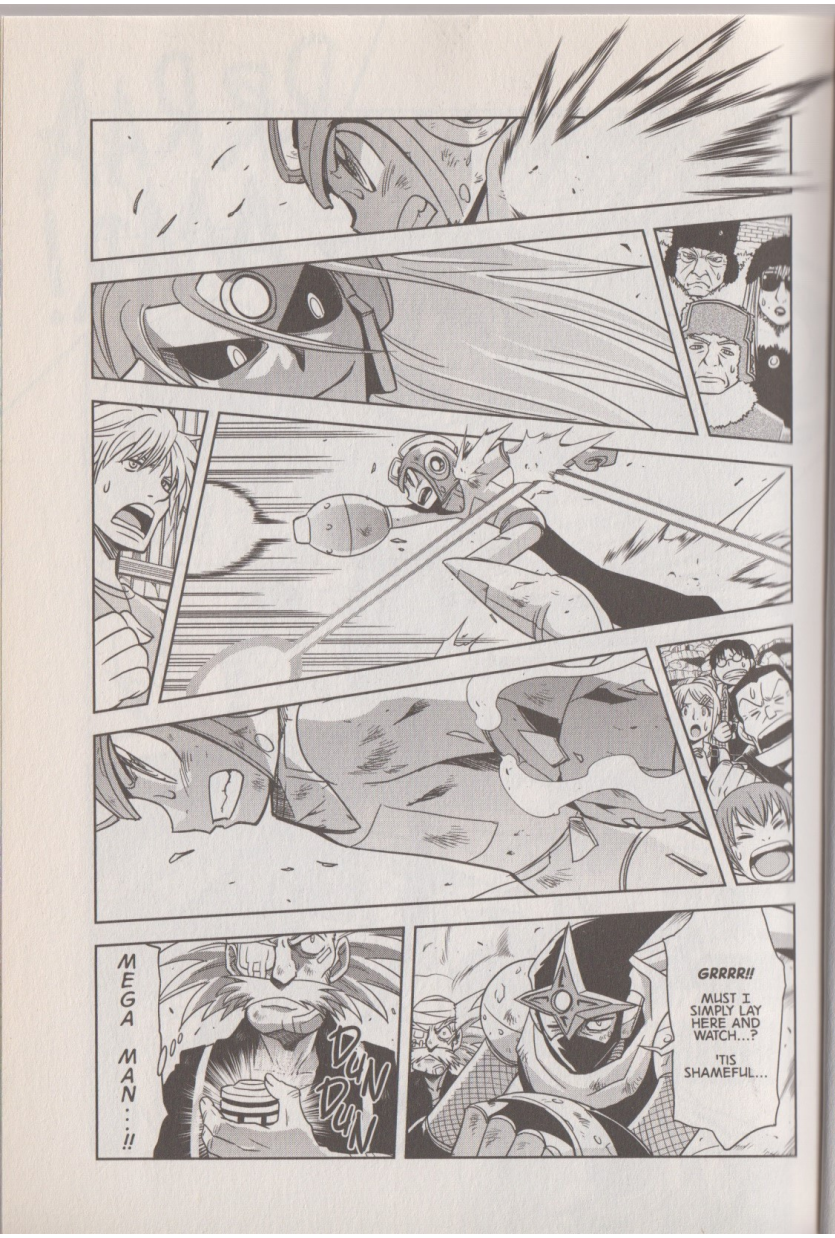
!
HMM
!
STAR...
...DROIDS!!

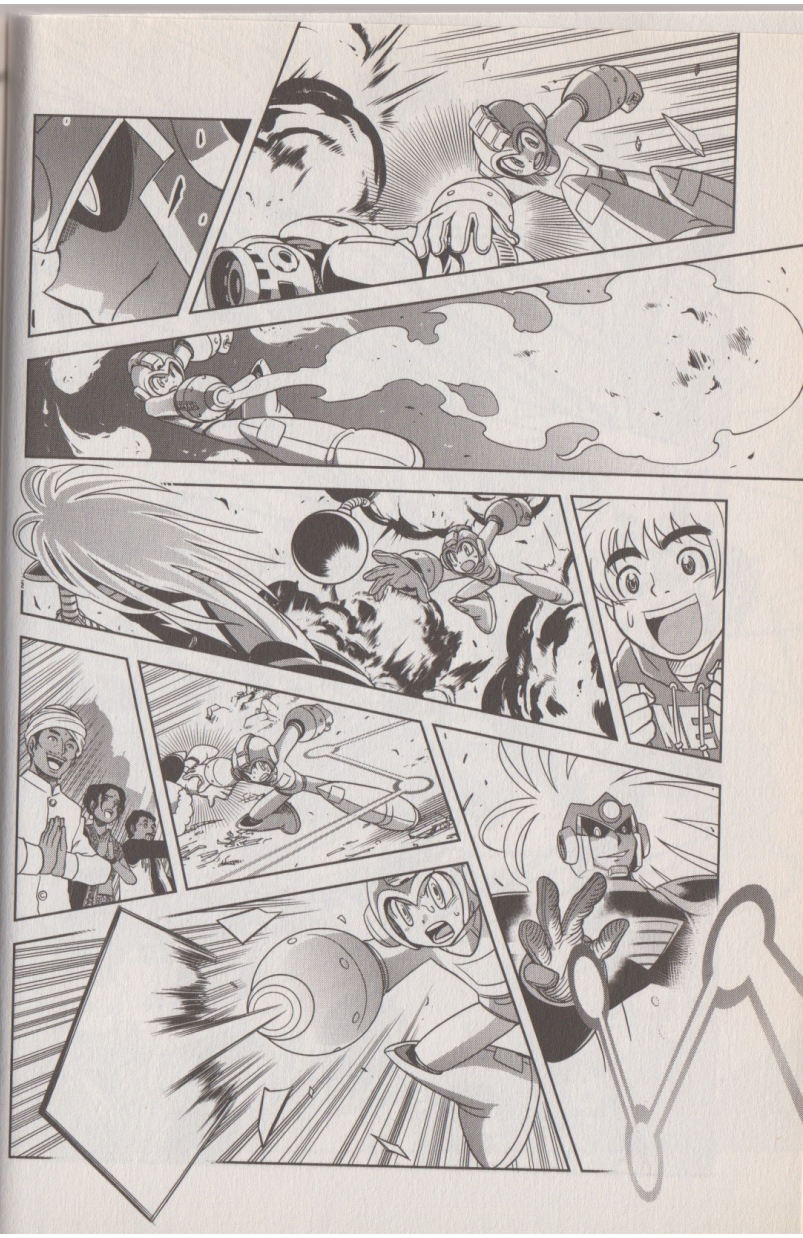

I'M EXCITED TO SEE THIS LEGENDARY POWER OF YOURS THAT HAS SAVED THIS PLANET FROM CERTAIN DOOM MANY TIMES OVER!
...!!
LOOKS LIKE IT'S JUST YOU AND ME NOW, MEGA MAN!
BOOOOM



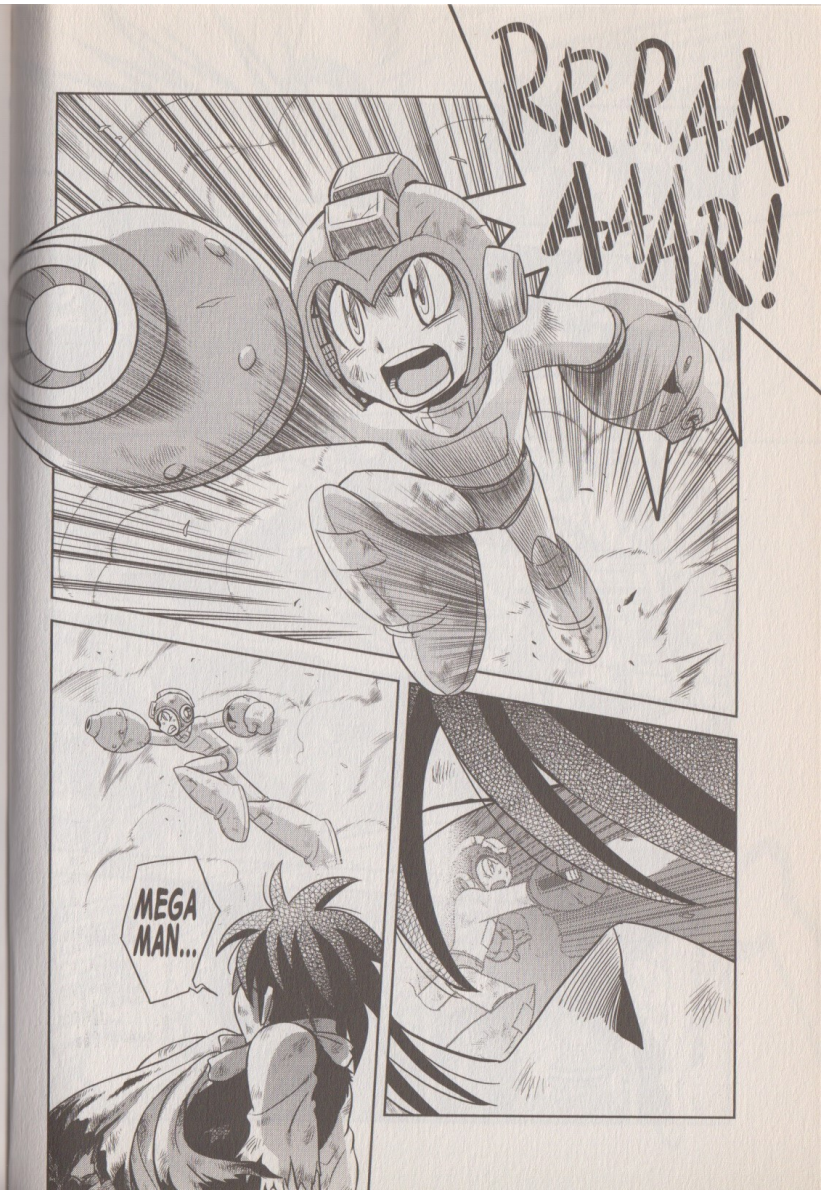

YOU THERE!
I WOULON'T TRY ANYTHING TOO CLEVER IF I WERE YOU.
!
I'VE LEFT YOU LOT ALIVE ONLY TO BEAR WITNESS TO THE DEATH OF THIS PLANET'S HERO!
THEIR INTERNAL SYSTEMS WERE TOO HEAVILY DAMAGED BY THE CRYSTALS ...
FATHER... HOW CAN RING MAN AND THE OTHERS HELP...?
OF COURSE, SUCH A SPECTACLE IS DESERVING OF A GREATER AUDIENCE ...!
DOOM
DARK MOON!!
FLASH

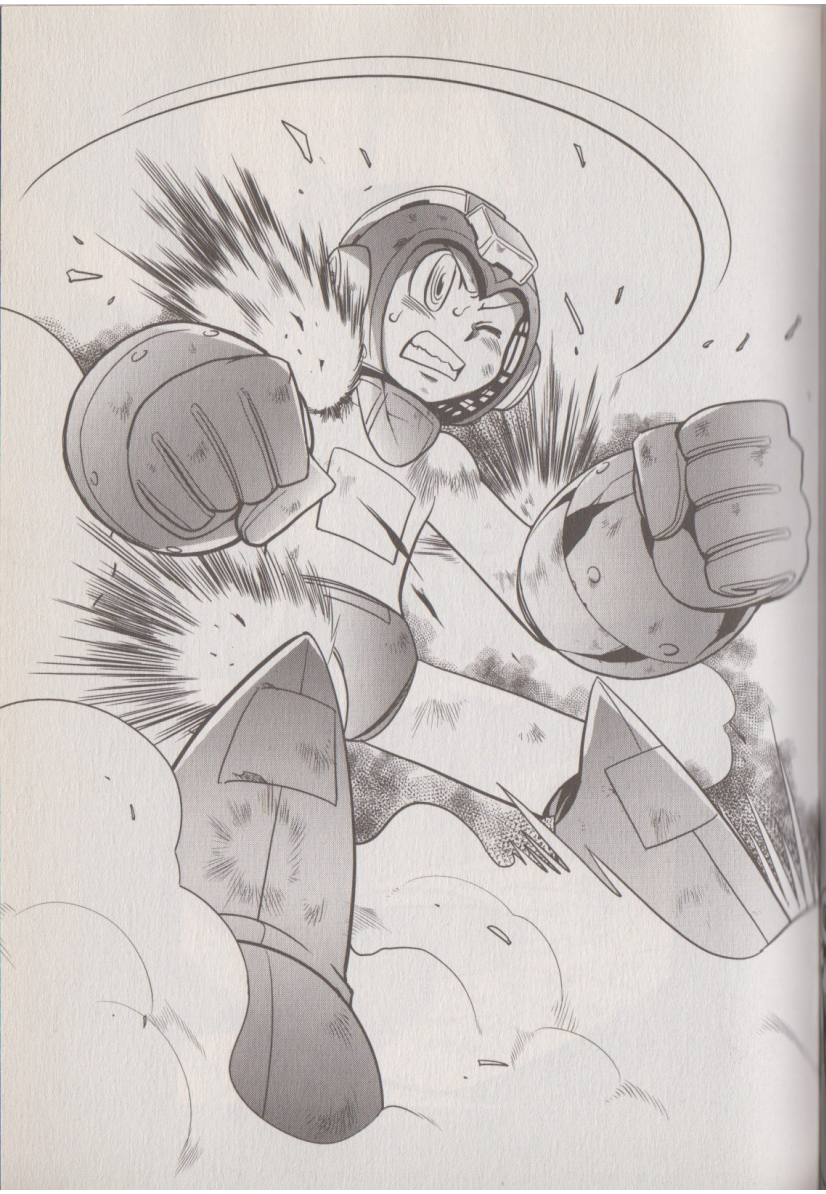

AFTER ALL, YOUR END...
HEH HEH. THE MORE WITNESSES WE HAVE, THE BETTER.
HOW...!?
...WILL SEAL EARTH'S FATE!!

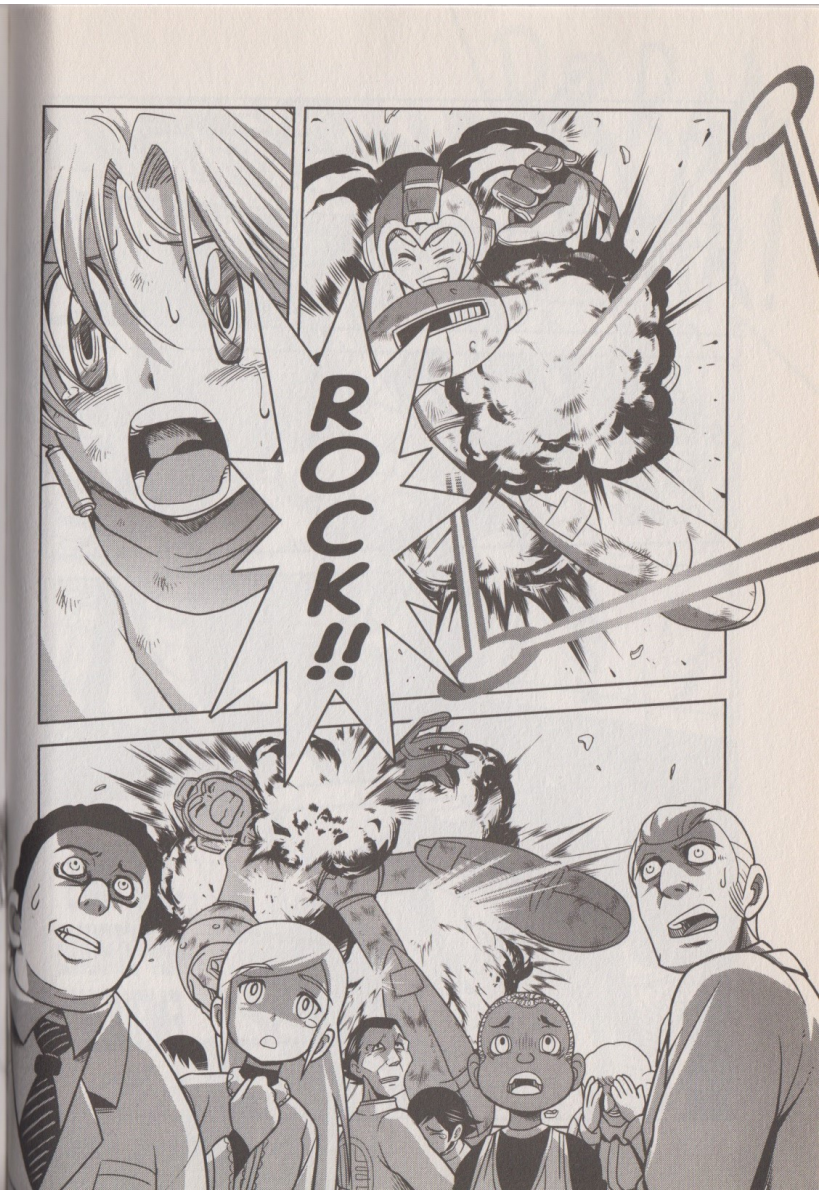

MEGA MAN...!!
DUN DUN
GRRRR!!
MUST I SIMPLY LAY HERE AND WATCH...?
'TIS SHAMEFUL...

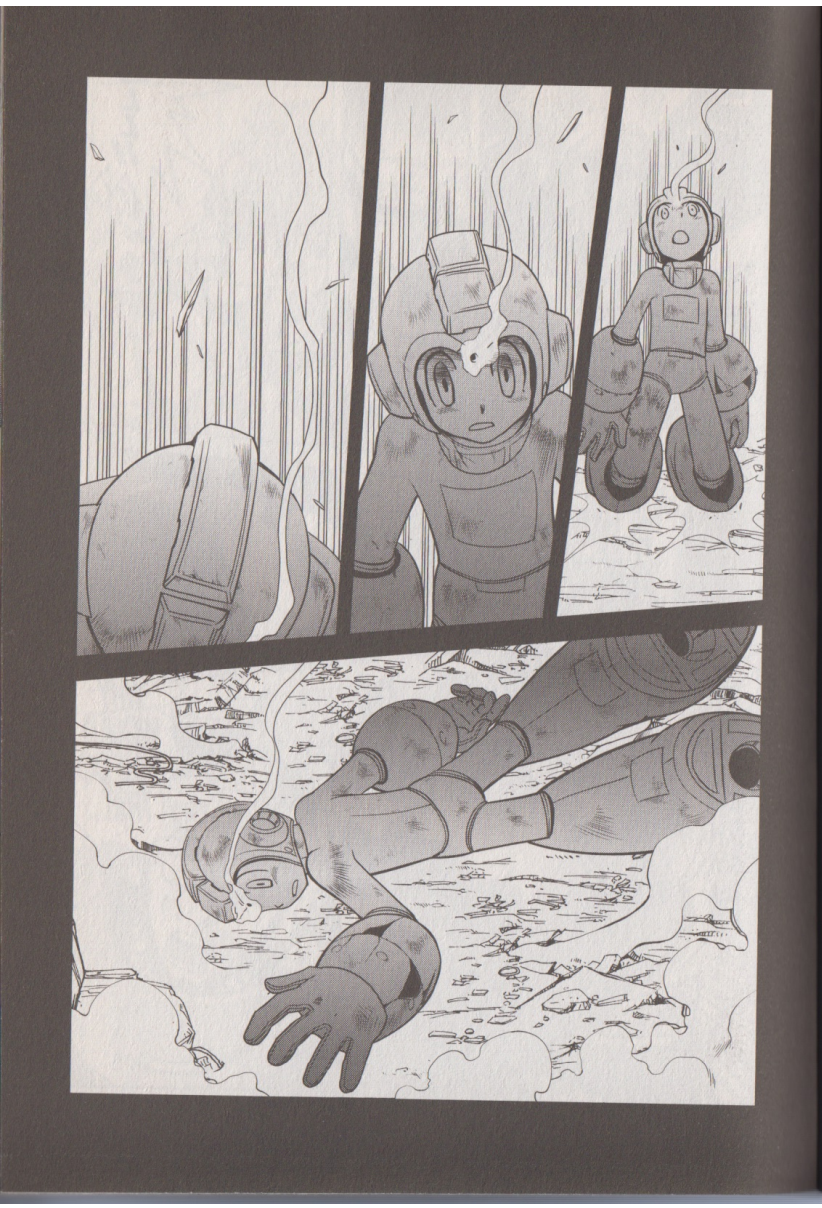


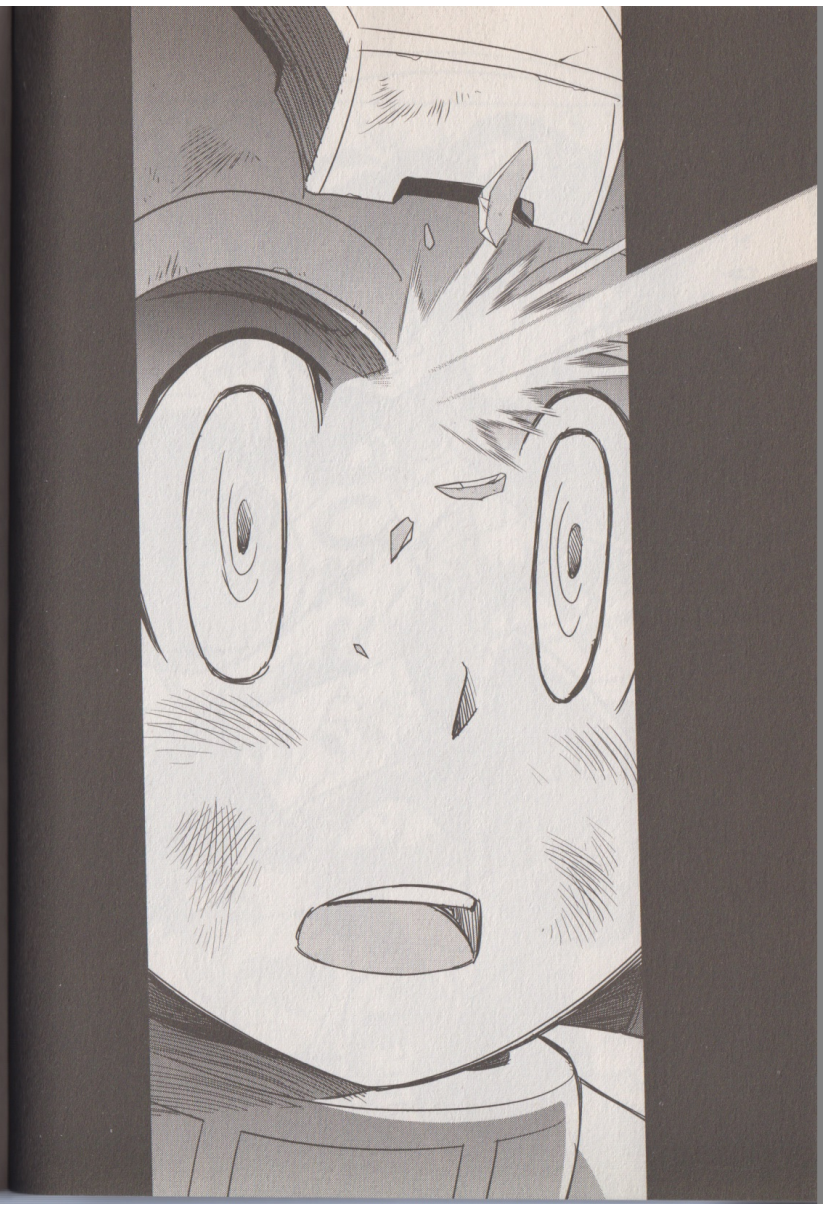
ROCK...
I WILL ADMIT IT, MEGA MAN...
YOU ARE THE STRONGEST ROBOT ON THIS PLANET.
ROCK...
BUT THAT'S NOT STRONG ENOUGH!!

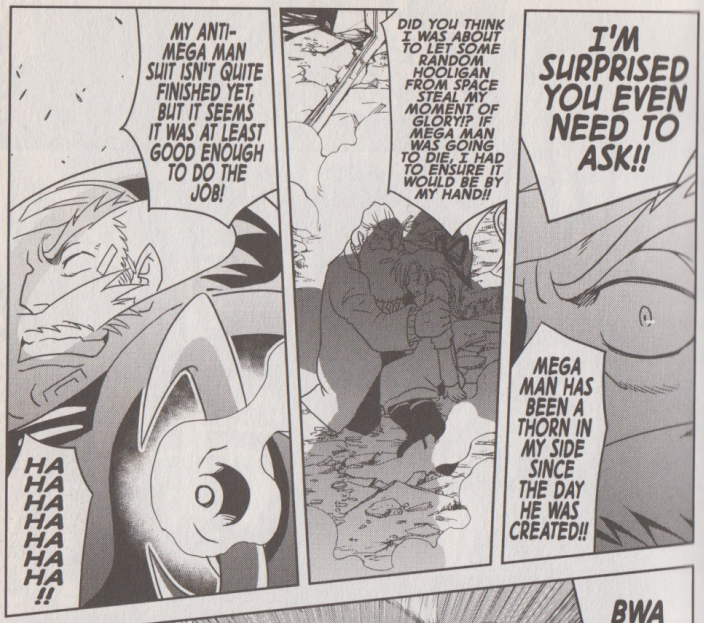

RRR44 444R!
MEGA MAN...

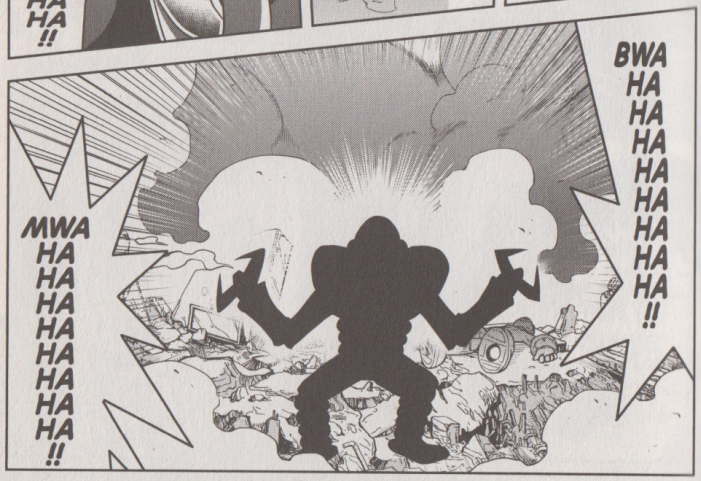


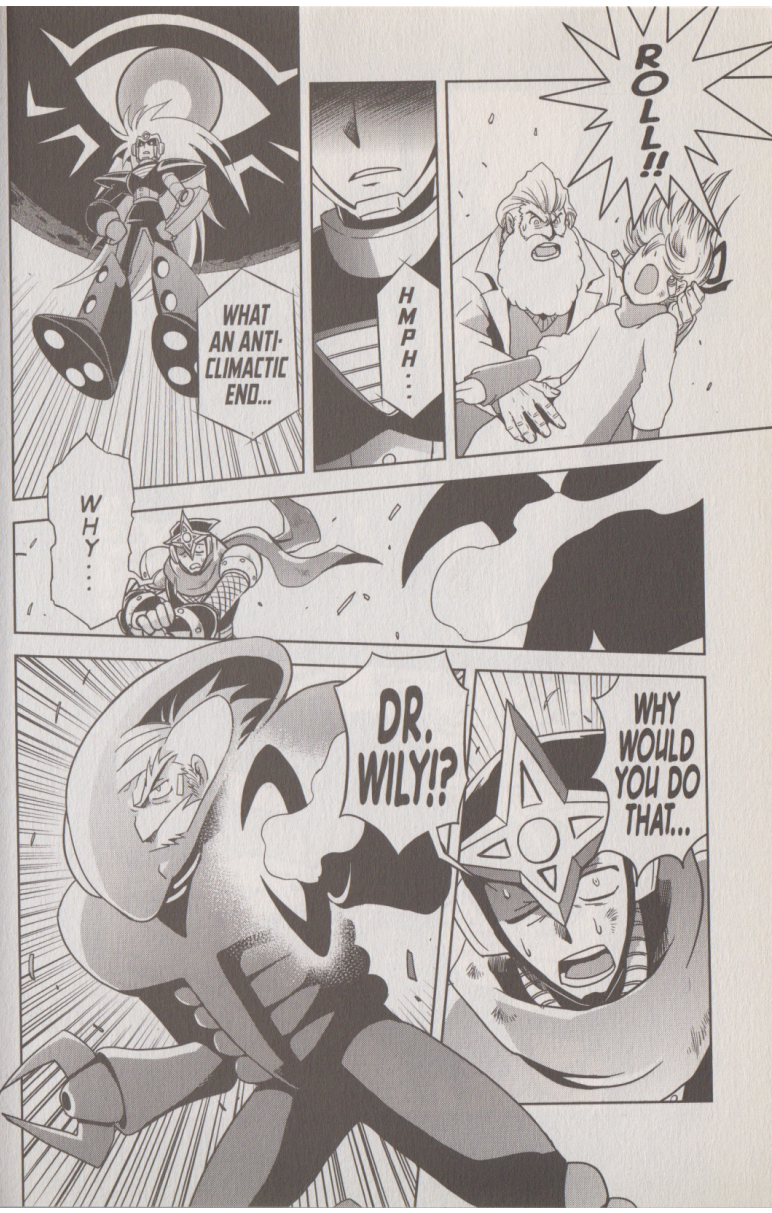

ROCK!!

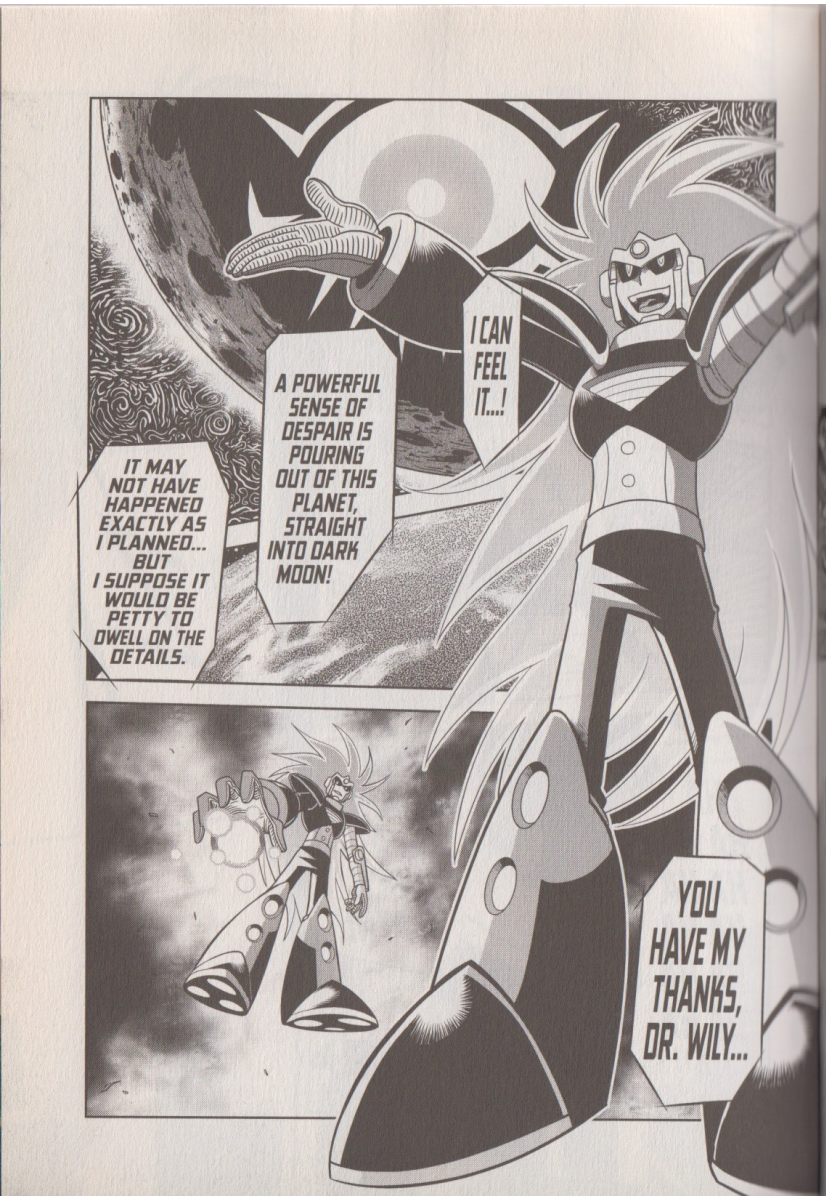




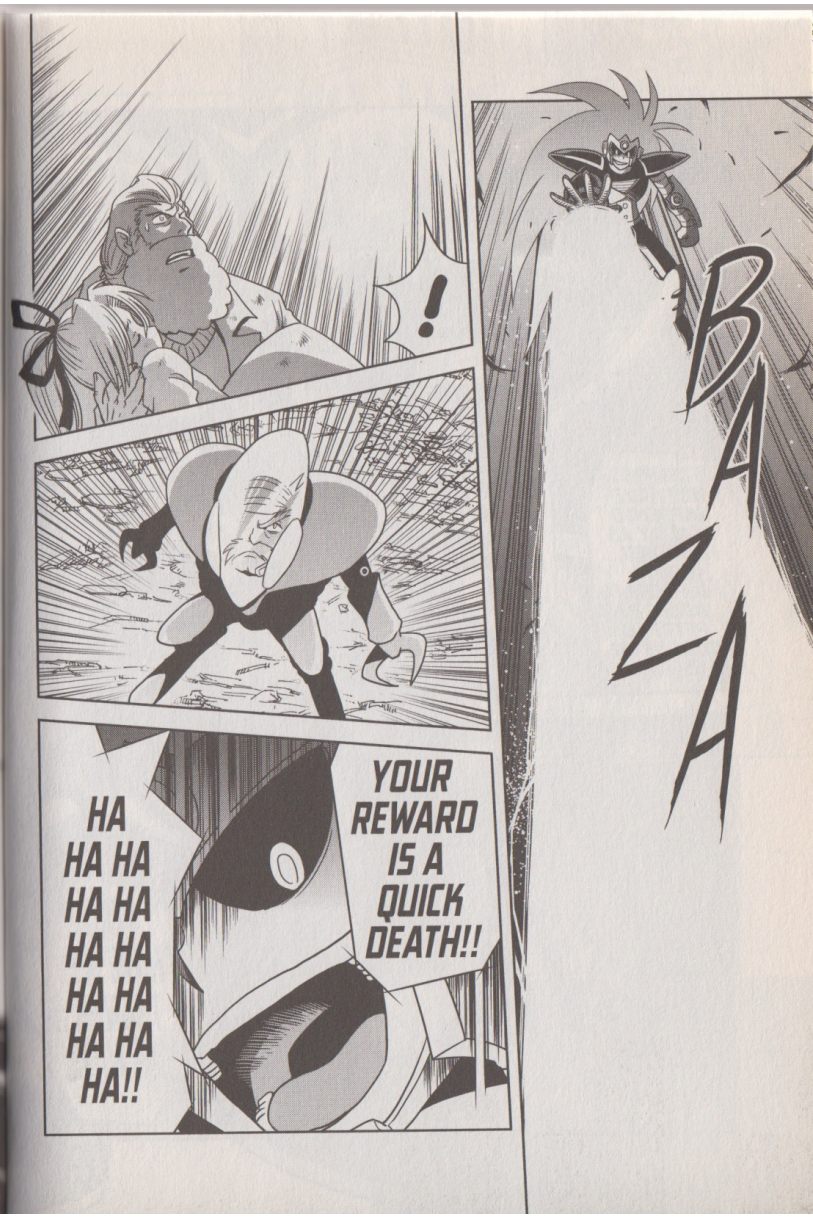

MY ANTI-MEGA MAN SUIT ISN'T QUITE FINISHED YET, BUT IT SEEMS IT WAS AT LEAST GOOD ENOUGH TO DO THE JOB!
HA HA HA HA HA HA !!
DID YOU THINK I WAS ABOUT TO LET SOME RANDOM HOOLIGAN FROM SPACE STEAL MY MOMENT OF GLORY!? IF MEGA MAN WAS GOING TO DIE, I HAD TO ENSURE IT WOULD BE BY MY HAND!!
I'M SURPRISED YOU EVEN NEED TO ASK!!
MEGA MAN HAS BEEN A THORN IN MY SIDE SINCE THE DAY HE WAS CREATED!!


BWA HA HA HA HA HA HA !!
MWA HA HA HA HA HA HA !!


WHAT AN ANTI-CLIMACTIC END...
HMPH...
ROLL!!
WHY...
DR. WILY!?
WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT...

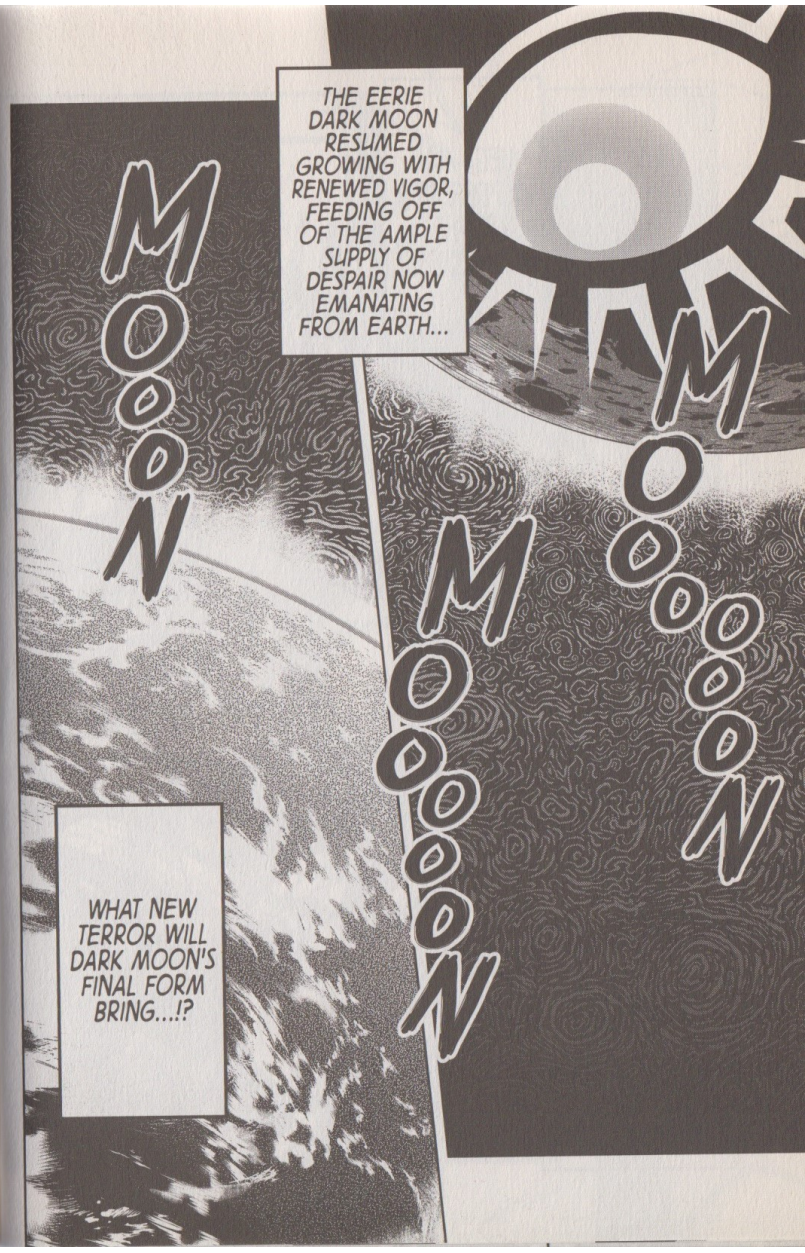

I CAN FEEL IT...!
A POWERFUL SENSE OF DESPAIR IS POURING OUT OF THIS PLANET, STRAIGHT INTO DARK MOON!
IT MAY NOT HAVE HAPPENED EXACTLY AS I PLANNED... BUT I SUPPOSE IT WOULD BE PETTY TO DWELL ON THE DETAILS.
YOU HAVE MY THANKS, DR. WILY...

MWA HA HA
HA HA HA HA


!
BAZA
YOUR REWARD IS A QUICK DEATH!!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!!

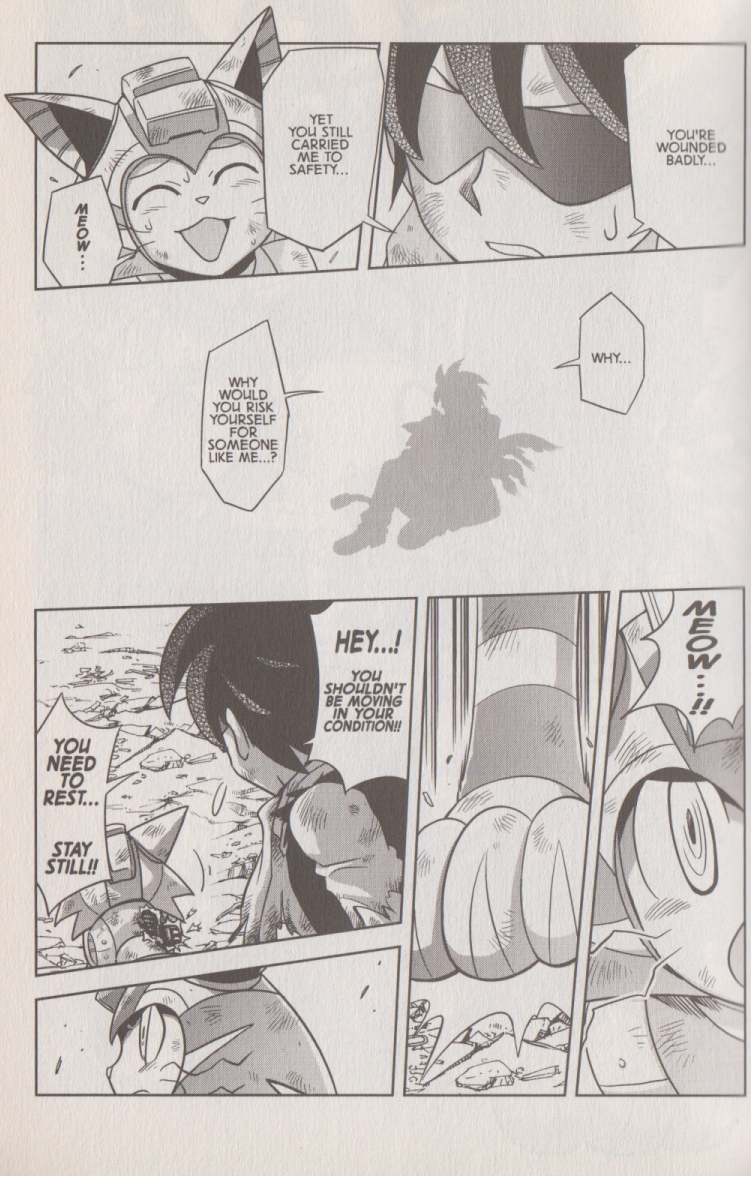
MEGA MAN WAS DEFEATED BY THE STARDROIDS!!
HA HA HA HA
WITH THEIR LAST HOPE SHATTERED, THE PEOPLE WERE OVERWHELMED WITH DESPAIR! FEAR HAD ITS SHARP TALONS BURIED INTO EVERY BEATING HEART ON EARTH!!
HA HA HA HA HA HA

WHERE AM I...?
THE LAST THING I REMEMBER IS...
BEING SWALLOWED UP BY AN INTENSE BLAST...
...?
THE DOC'S JUST FINE!
DR. WILY! WHERE...
OH, NO! THE DOCTOR!!
!!
IT... CAN'T BE...
YOU...

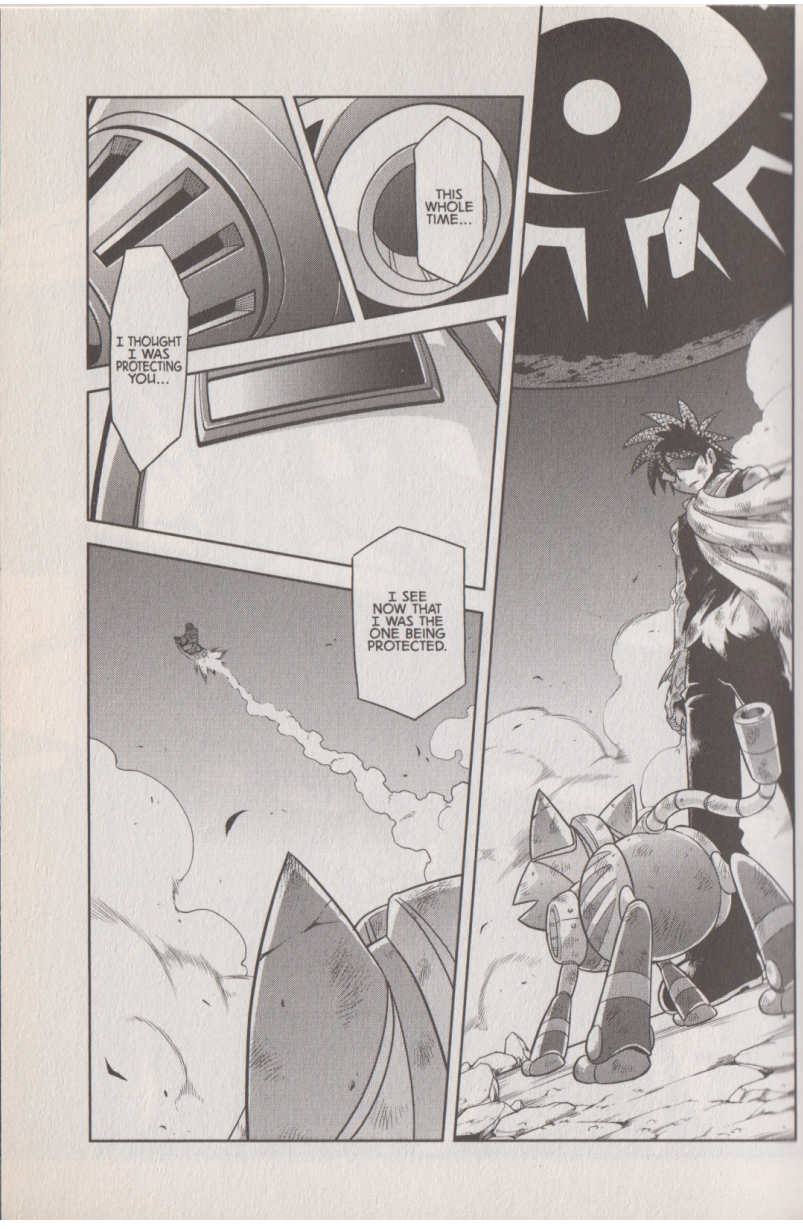

THE EERIE DARK MOON RESUMED GROWING WITH RENEWED VIGOR, FEEDING OFF OF THE AMPLE SUPPLY OF DESPAIR NOW EMANATING FROM EARTH...
MOOON
MOOOOON
MOOOOON
WHAT NEW TERROR WILL DARK MOON'S FINAL FORM BRING...!?

UGH...
HEY...
MEOW!
IT WAS YOU...
YOU SAVED ME FROM THAT ENERGY BLAST...
MEOW!

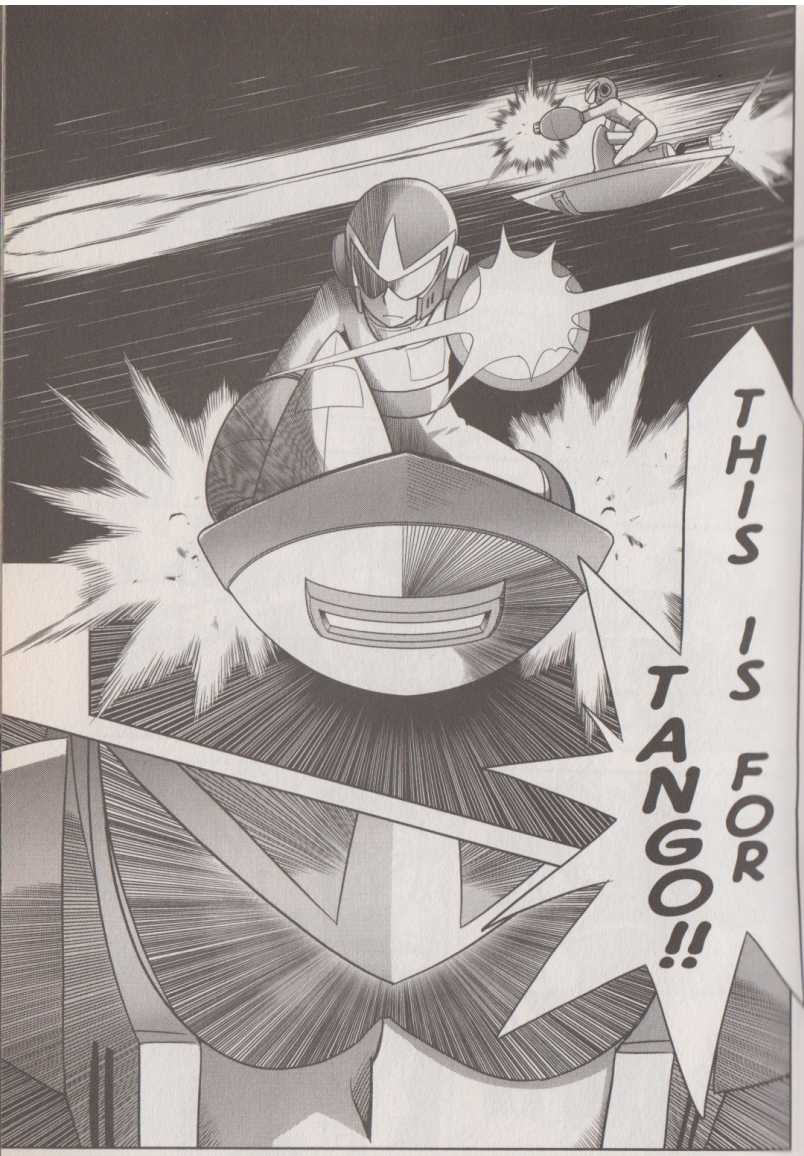
ALL OF YOU!!


MEOW...
YET YOU STILL CARRIED ME TO SAFETY...
YOU'RE WOUNDED BADLY...
WHY...
WHY WOULD YOU RISK YOURSELF FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME...?
MEOW...!!
HEY...!
YOU SHOULDN'T BE MOVING IN YOUR CONDITION!!
YOU NEED TO REST...
STAY STILL!!

DARK MOON ...
THERE'S NO MISTAKING IT NOW...
IT'S GROWING.
I ONLY HAVE A FEW HOURS LEFT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT MOON...
AND THE STARDROIDS.
TANGO...?
SLUMP
!

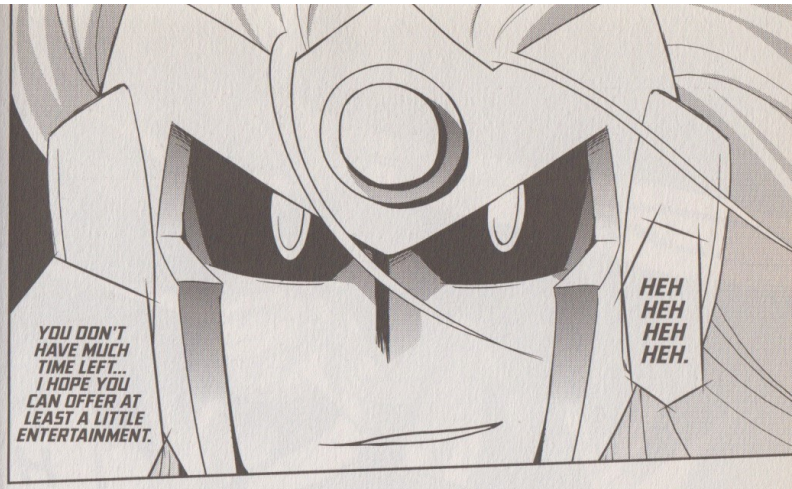

THIS WHOLE TIME...
I THOUGHT I WAS PROTECTING YOU...
I SEE NOW THAT I WAS THE ONE BEING PROTECTED.

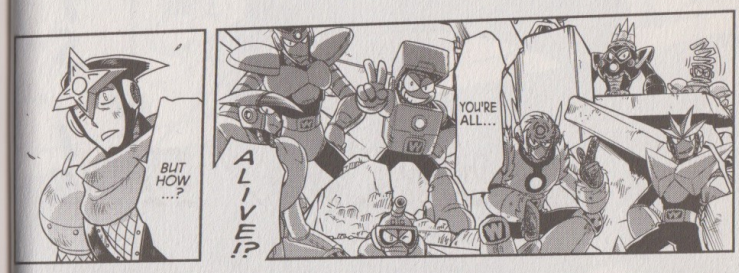
MEOW
YOU...
... TANGO ...?
BUT YOU'RE DAMAGED ...
... WANT TO FIGHT...?
YOU STILL...

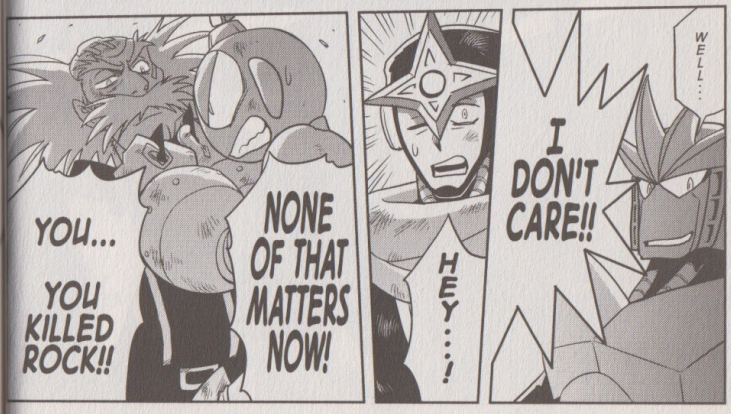

THIS IS FOR TANGO!!

I HAD ALMOST FORGOTTEN ABOUT YOU...
AH...
!?

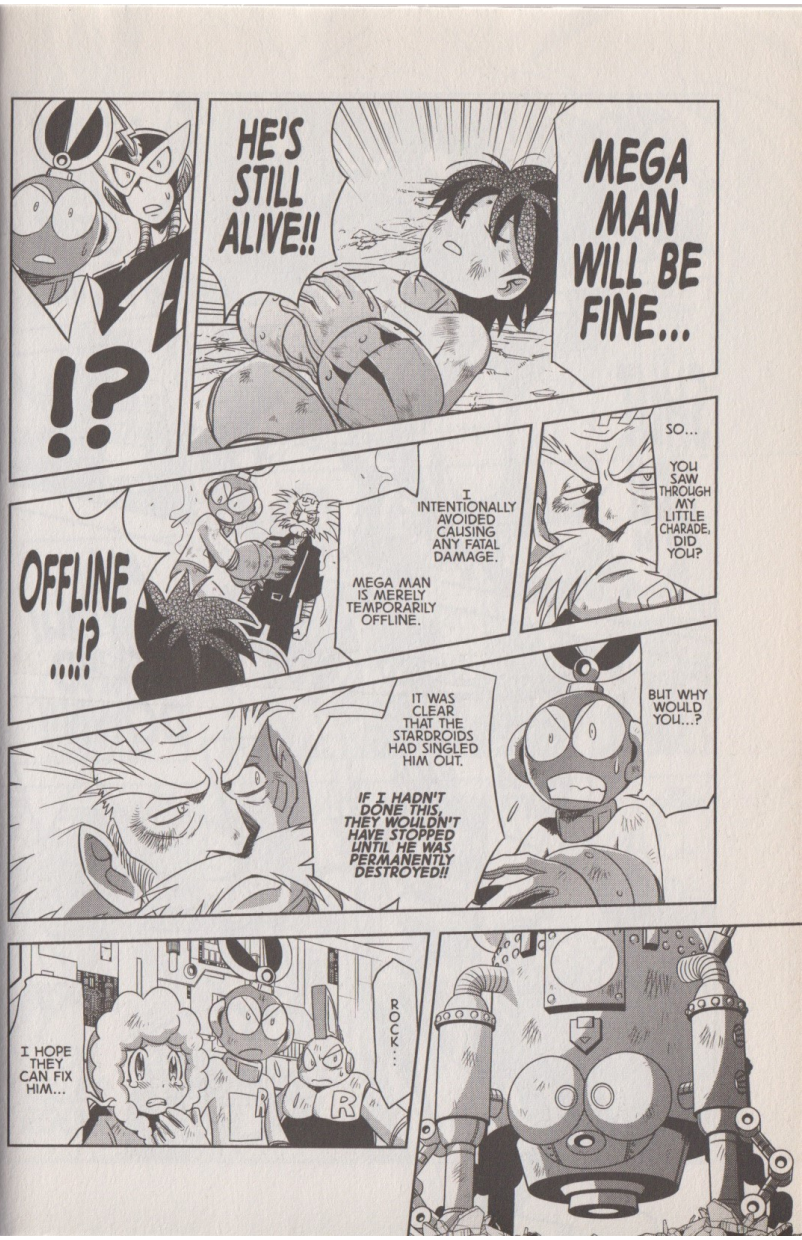
GET YOUR HANDS OFF OF DR. WILY!!
SHUT UP!!
ALL OF YOU! STAND DOWN!!
WE SHOULD NOT BE FIGHTING EACH OTHER!
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THE STAR-DROIDS WANT!!
BUT DOCTOR ...
HE...

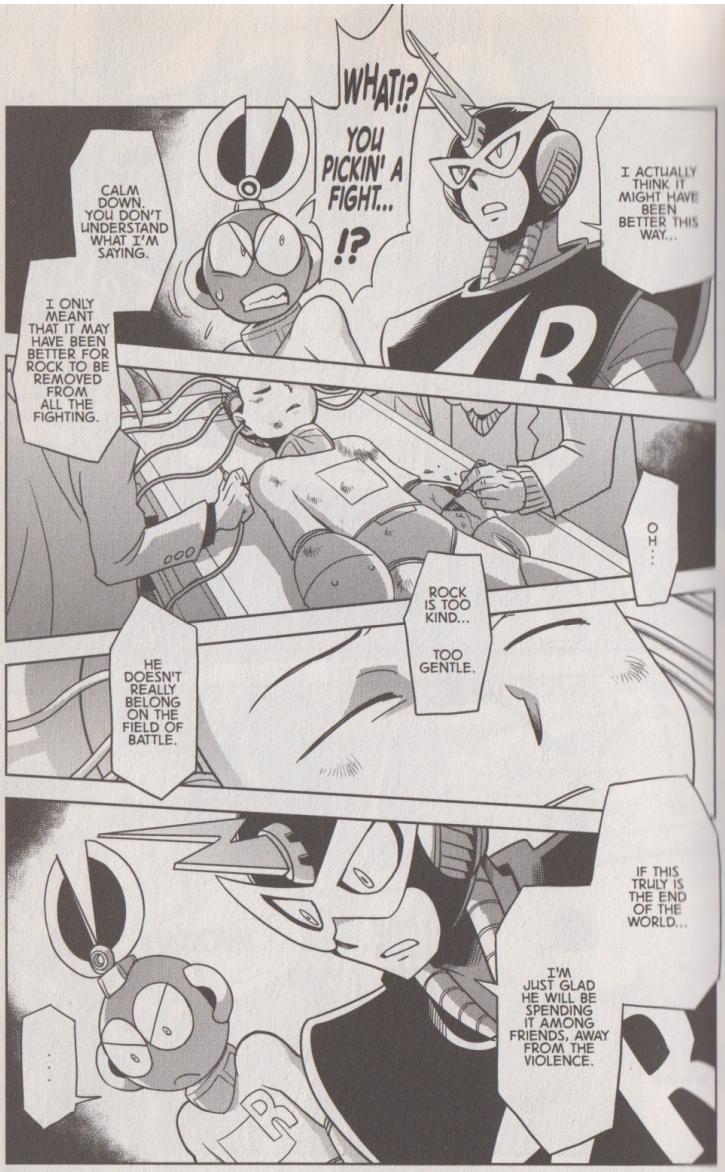

HEH HEH HEH HEH.
YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT... I HOPE YOU CAN OFFER AT LEAST A LITTLE ENTERTAINMENT.

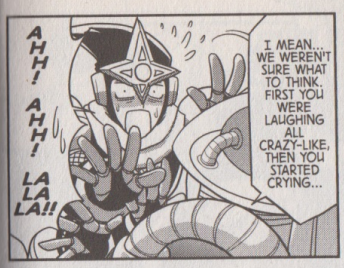

BUT HOW ...?
ALIVE!?
YOU'RE ALL...


YOU... YOU KILLED ROCK!!
NONE OF THAT MATTERS NOW!
HEY...!
WELL...
I DON'T CARE!!

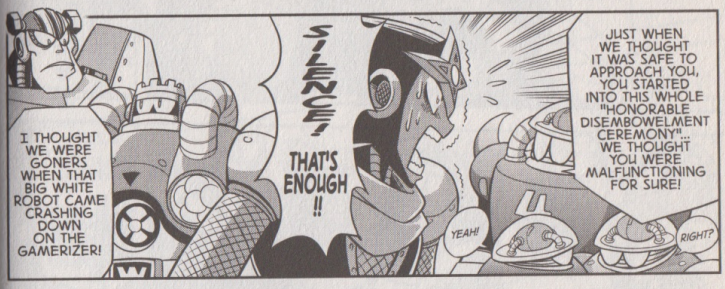
SHADE MAN...
I SEE...
HE DIDN'T EVEN OFFER TO HELP!
ISN'T THAT TERRIBLE!?
THEN HE TOOK OFF, MUMBLING SOMETHING ABOUT "CHECKING IN" ON DR. WILY...
HE ORDERED US TO LOAD THE WOUNDED NUMBERS INTO THE GAMERIZER!
YES!
HE FOUND US HIDING...
ER...
DEFENDING THE GAMERIZER'S CARGO BAY!
OH!
UM...
ER...
BY THE WAY...
WHY WERE YOU INSIDE THE GAMERIZER?
WERE YOU PERFORMING MAINTENANCE?
DON'T TELL HIM WE WERE HIDING IN THERE!
DON'T TELL HIM WE WERE TRYING TO USE IT TO ESCAPE WITHOUT THEM!!
YOU ARE A BETTER ROBOT THAN I, SHADE MAN...
HE WAS CALMLY ANALYZING THE SITUATION THE ENTIRE TIME... RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING!


!?
HE'S STILL ALIVE!!
MEGA MAN WILL BE FINE...
OFFLINE !?
I INTENTIONALLY AVOIDED CAUSING ANY FATAL DAMAGE.
MEGA MAN IS MERELY TEMPORARILY OFFLINE.
SO... YOU SAW THROUGH MY LITTLE CHARADE, DID YOU?
IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE STARDROIDS HAD SINGLED HIM OUT.
IF I HADN'T DONE THIS, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE STOPPED UNTIL HE WAS PERMANENTLY DESTROYED!!
BUT WHY WOULD YOU...?
I HOPE THEY CAN FIX HIM...
ROCK...

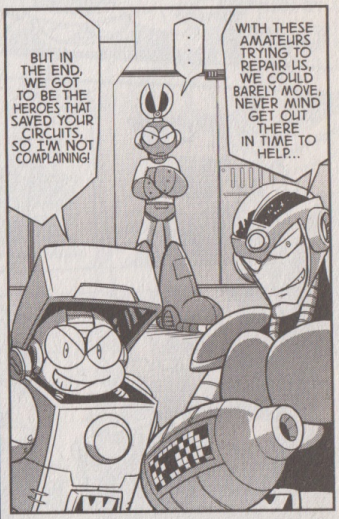

WHAT!?
YOU PICKIN' A FIGHT...
!?
CALM DOWN. YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING.
I ACTUALLY THINK IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN BETTER THIS WAY...
I ONLY MEANT THAT IT MAY HAVE BEEN BETTER FOR ROCK TO BE REMOVED FROM ALL THE FIGHTING.
OH...
ROCK IS TOO KIND...
TOO GENTLE.
HE DOESN'T REALLY BELONG ON THE FIELD OF BATTLE.
IF THIS TRULY IS THE END OF THE WORLD...
I'M JUST GLAD HE WILL BE SPENDING IT AMONG FRIENDS, AWAY FROM THE VIOLENCE.

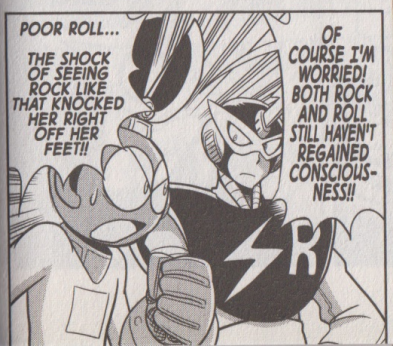

AHH! AHH! LA LA LA!!
I MEAN... WE WEREN'T SURE WHAT TO THINK. FIRST YOU WERE LAUGHING ALL CRAZY-LIKE, THEN YOU STARTED CRYING...

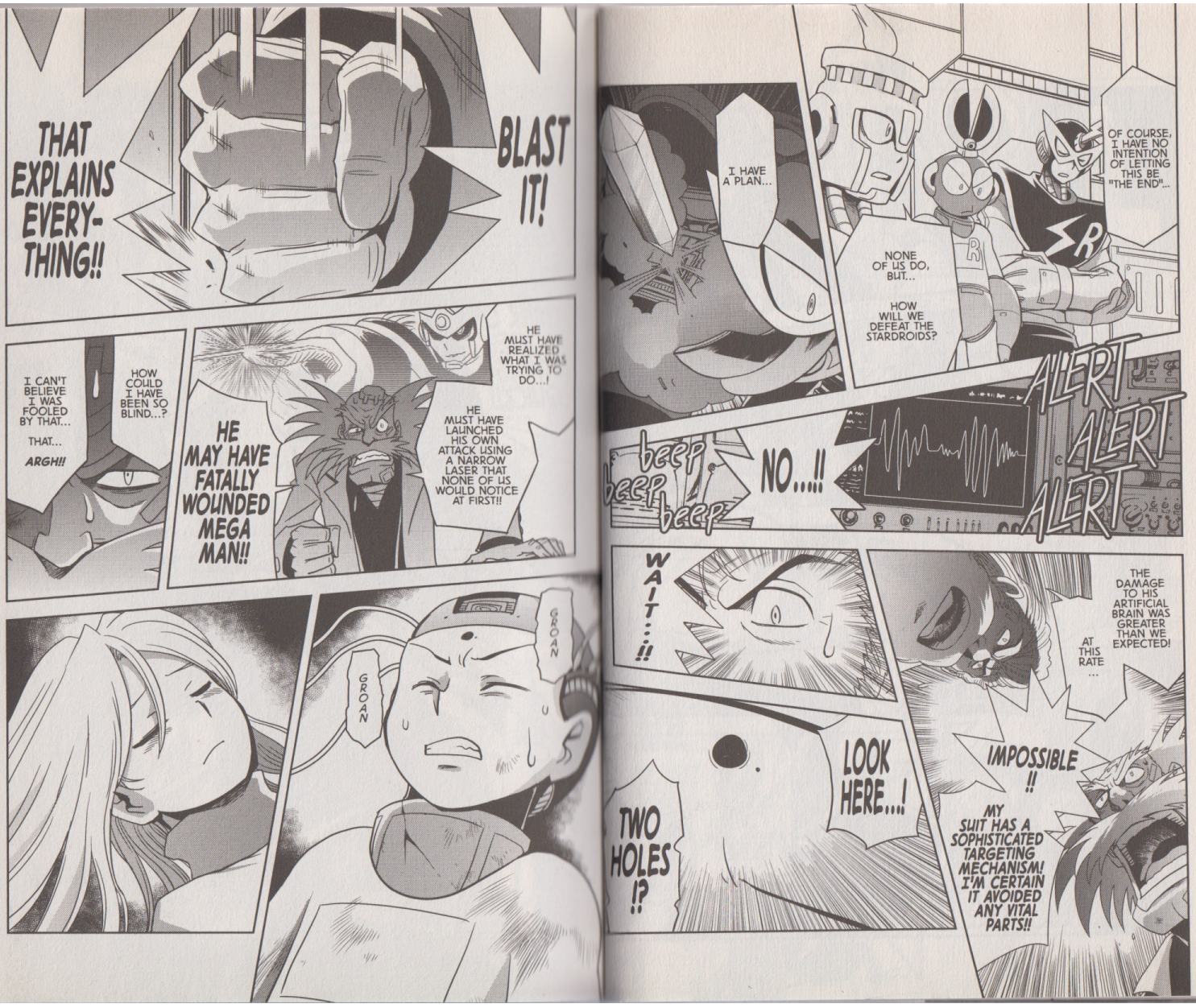
YOU KIND OF MADE THAT AWKWARD FOR US...
SO YOU WERE RIDING IN THE GAMERIZER WITH ME THE WHOLE TIME?
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SOMETHING?

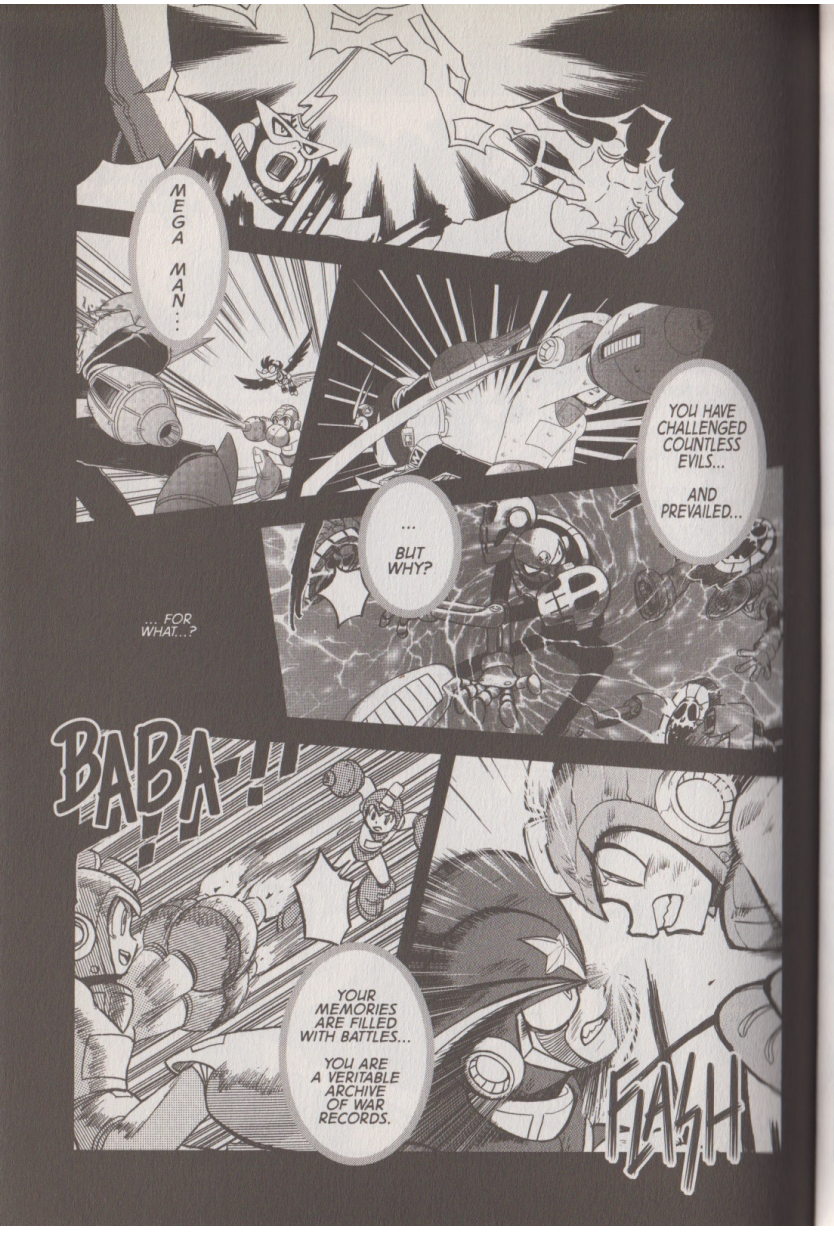

I THOUGHT WE WERE GONERS WHEN THAT BIG WHITE ROBOT CAME CRASHING DOWN ON THE GAMERIZER!
SILENCE! THAT'S ENOUGH !!
JUST WHEN WE THOUGHT IT WAS SAFE TO APPROACH YOU, YOU STARTED INTO THIS WHOLE "HONORABLE DISEMBOWELMENT CEREMONY"... WE THOUGHT YOU WERE MALFUNCTIONING FOR SURE!
YEAH!
RIGHT?

ARE YOU WORRIED?

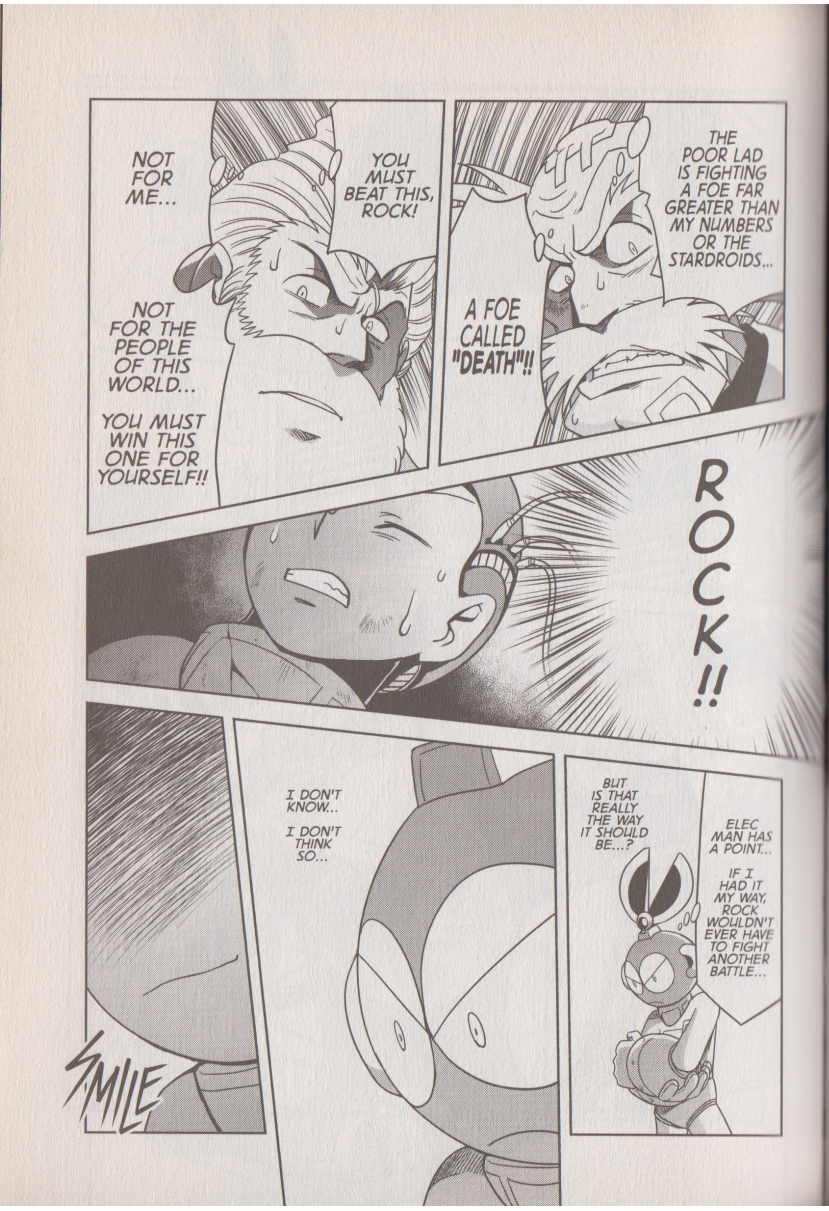

BUT IN THE END, WE GOT TO BE THE HEROES THAT SAVED YOUR CIRCUITS, SO I'M NOT COMPLAINING!
WITH THESE AMATEURS TRYING TO REPAIR US, WE COULD BARELY MOVE, NEVER MIND GET OUT THERE IN TIME TO HELP...

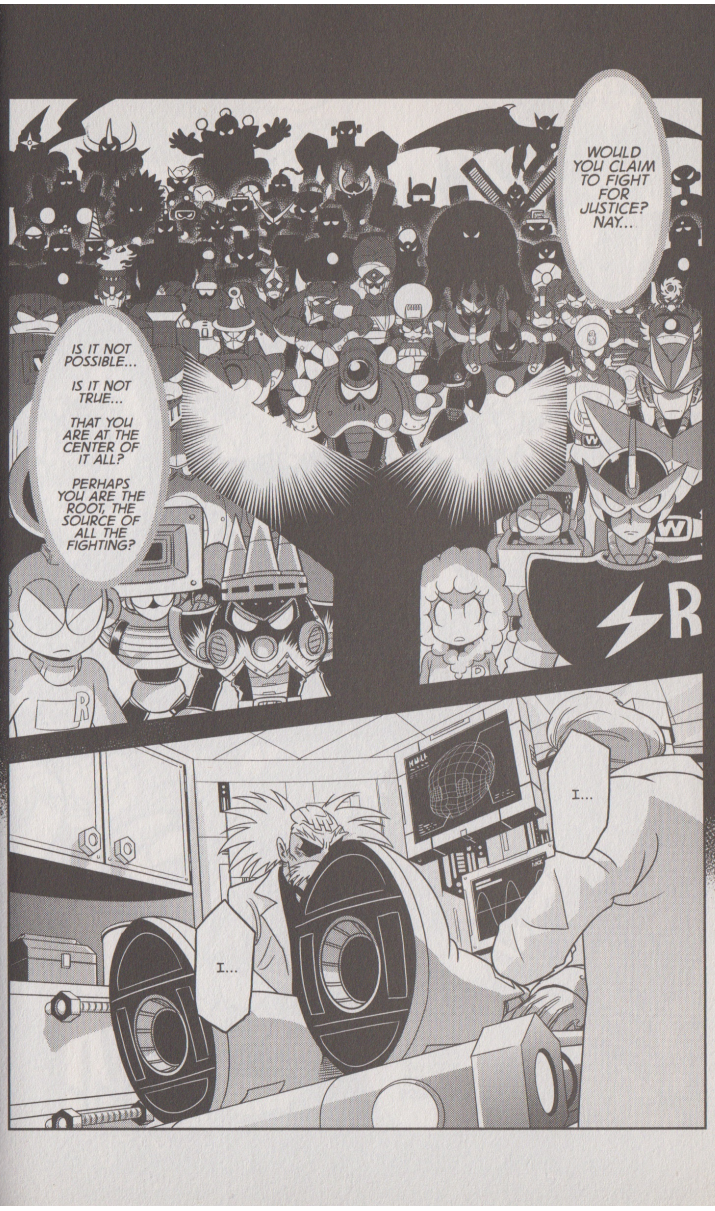

POOR ROLL...
THE SHOCK OF SEEING ROCK LIKE THAT KNOCKED HER RIGHT OFF HER FEET!!
OF COURSE I'M WORRIED! BOTH ROCK AND ROLL STILL HAVEN'T REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS!!


THAT EXPLAINS EVERY-THING!!
BLAST IT!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I WAS FOOLED BY THAT... THAT... ARGH!!
HOW COULD I HAVE BEEN SO BLIND...?
HE MAY HAVE FATALLY WOUNDED MEGA MAN!!
HE MUST HAVE REALIZED WHAT I WAS TRYING TO DO...!
HE MUST HAVE LAUNCHED HIS OWN ATTACK USING A NARROW LASER THAT NONE OF US WOULD NOTICE AT FIRST!!
GROAN
GROAN
I HAVE A PLAN...
NONE OF US DO, BUT... HOW WILL WE DEFEAT THE STARDROIDS?
OF COURSE, I HAVE NO INTENTION OF LETTING THIS BE "THE END"...
beep beep beep
NO...!!
ALERT ALERT ALERT
WAIT...!!
LOOK HERE...!
TWO HOLES !?
IMPOSSIBLE !!
MY SUIT HAS A SOPHISTICATED TARGETING MECHANISM! I'M CERTAIN IT AVOIDED ANY VITAL PARTS!!
AT THIS RATE ...
THE DAMAGE TO HIS ARTIFICIAL BRAIN WAS GREATER THAN WE EXPECTED!


MEGA MAN...
YOU HAVE CHALLENGED COUNTLESS EVILS...
AND PREVAILED...
...BUT WHY?
...FOR WHAT...?
BABA-!!
YOUR MEMORIES ARE FILLED WITH BATTLES...
YOU ARE A VERITABLE ARCHIVE OF WAR RECORDS.
FLASH

WE MUST DO SOMETHING...!
AGREED! BUT WE'D BETTER THINK OF SOMETHING QUICK!!
OTHERWISE...!!
VROOO
TKTKTK
TKTKTK
GROAN
GROAN

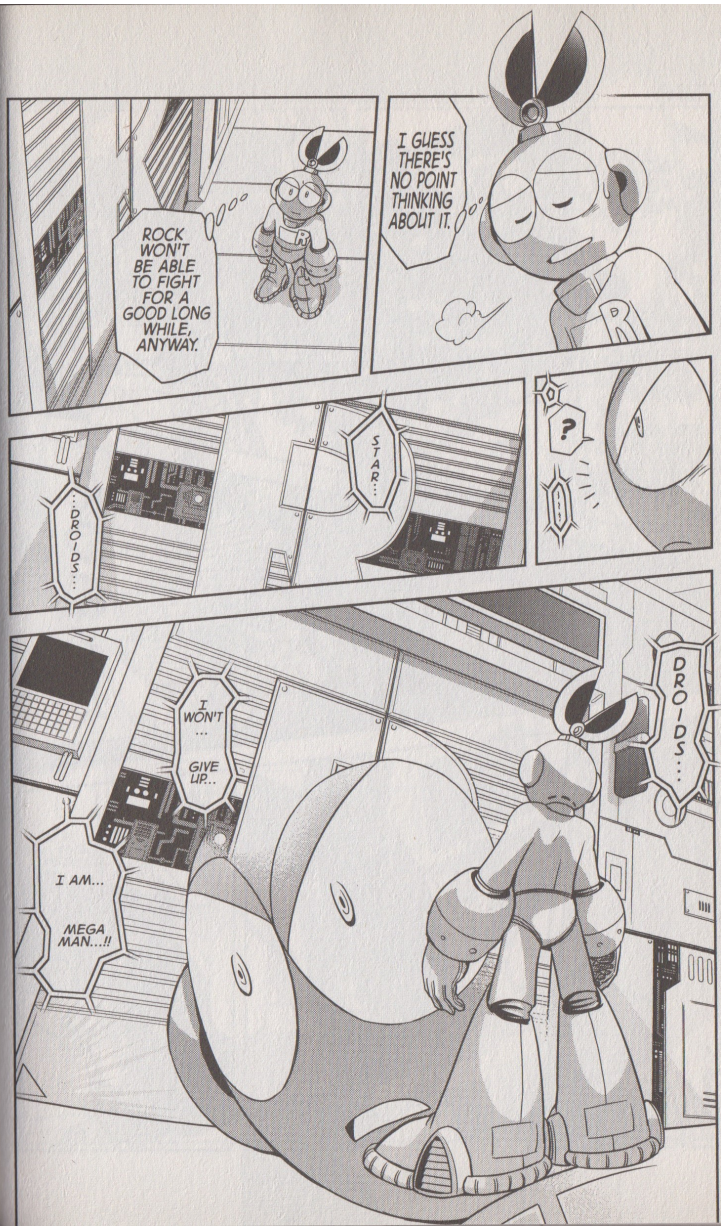

THE POOR LAD IS FIGHTING A FOE FAR GREATER THAN MY NUMBERS OR THE STARDROIDS...
A FOE CALLED "DEATH"!!
YOU MUST BEAT THIS, ROCK!
NOT FOR ME...
NOT FOR THE PEOPLE OF THIS WORLD...
YOU MUST WIN THIS ONE FOR YOURSELF!!
ROCK!!
BUT IS THAT REALLY THE WAY IT SHOULD BE...?
ELEC MAN HAS A POINT...
IF I HAD IT MY WAY, ROCK WOULDN'T EVER HAVE TO FIGHT ANOTHER BATTLE...
I DON'T KNOW...
I DON'T THINK SO...
SMILE

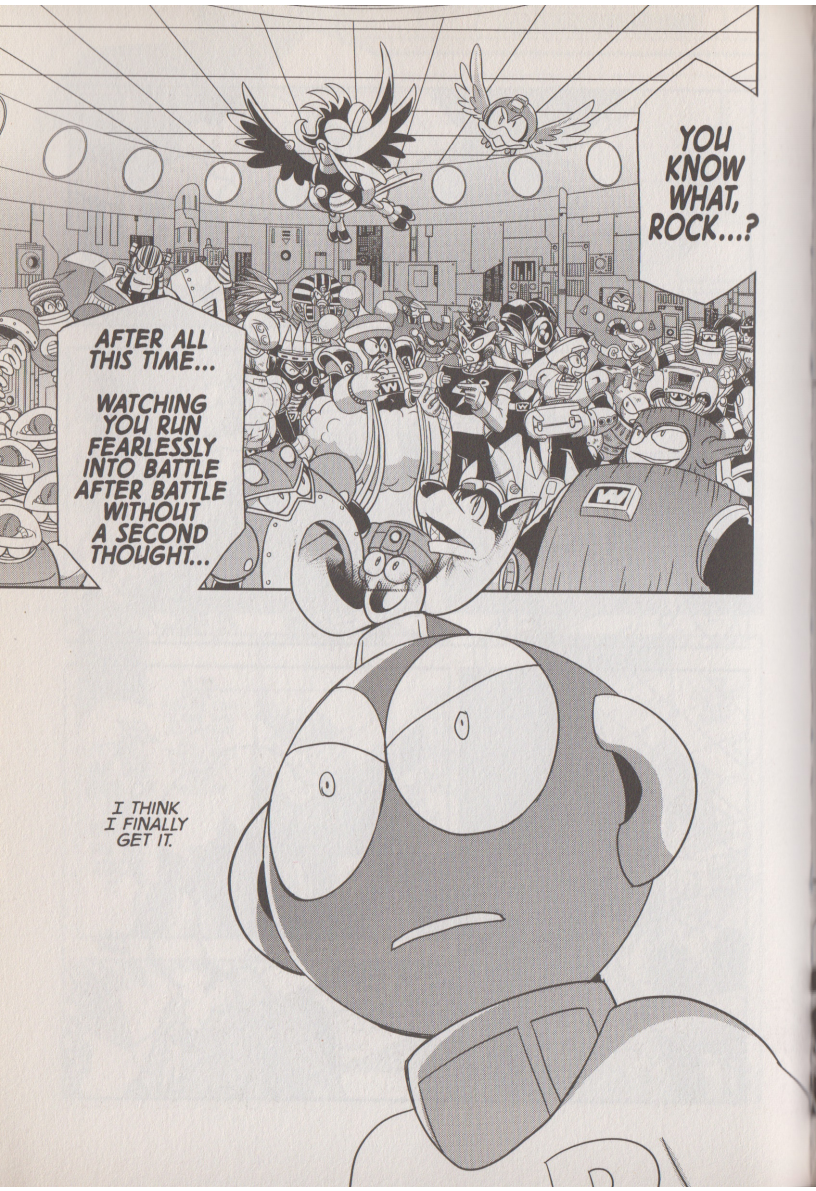

WOULD YOU CLAIM TO FIGHT FOR JUSTICE? NAY...
IS IT NOT POSSIBLE...
IS IT NOT TRUE...
THAT YOU ARE AT THE CENTER OF IT ALL?
PERHAPS YOU ARE THE ROOT, THE SOURCE OF ALL THE FIGHTING?
I...
I...

HE'S STILL FIGHTING...
EVEN NOW...
HE'S STILL...
HEH.
HEH HEH.
HEH.
HEH HEH.
HEH.

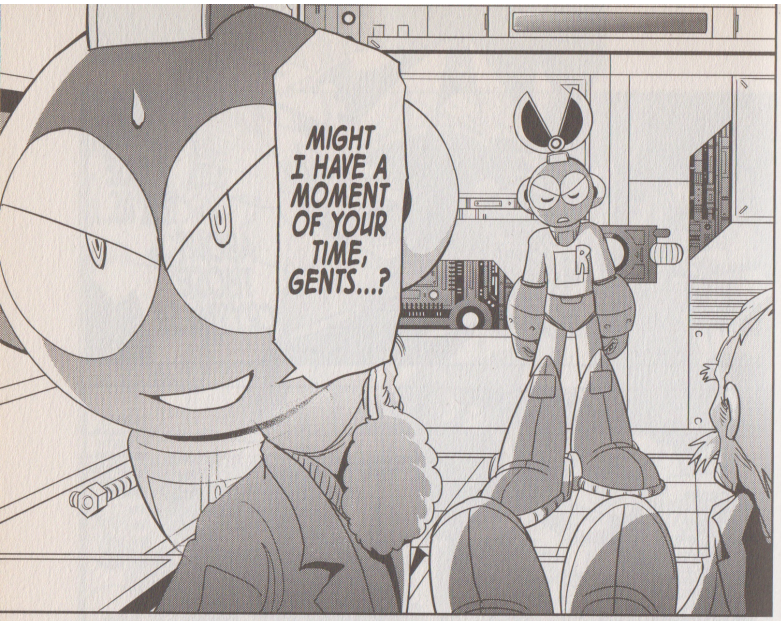
KEEP AT IT, LIGHT! WE WILL FIGURE IT OUT!!
YOU AND ME, TOGETHER!!
I'M WITH YOU! BETWEEN THE TWO OF US, THERE IS NO ROBOT WE CANNOT FIX!!
IF DR. LIGHT AND DR. WILY HAVEN'T GIVEN UP, WHY SHOULD I!?

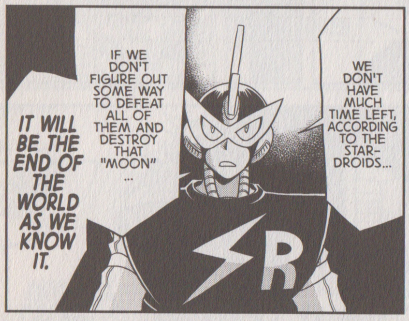
I JUST...
I HATED SEEING YOU GET HURT ALL THE TIME...
I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO SUFFER ANYMORE...
I WAS BEING A COWARD ...!!
I THOUGHT I WAS GLAD THAT ROCK WAS OUT OF THE BATTLE...?
NO...
I WASN'T.

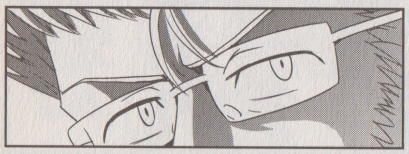

ROCK WON'T BE ABLE TO FIGHT FOR A GOOD LONG WHILE, ANYWAY.
I GUESS THERE'S NO POINT THINKING ABOUT IT.
...DROIDS...
STAR...
?
I WON'T ...
GIVE UP..
I AM...
MEGA MAN...!!
DROIDS...

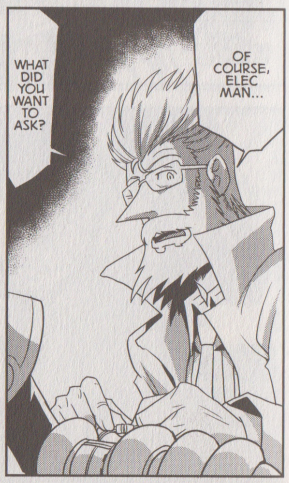

YOU KNOW WHAT, ROCK...?
AFTER ALL THIS TIME... WATCHING YOU RUN FEARLESSLY INTO BATTLE AFTER BATTLE WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT...
I THINK I FINALLY GET IT.

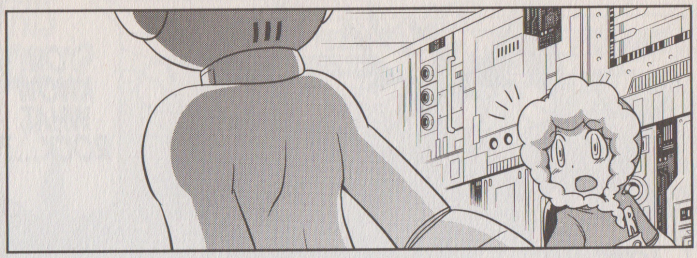
THIS BODY...?
I FEEL SO USELESS... THIS BODY IS USELESS!!
BAM
DAMMIT! ISN'T THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO!?

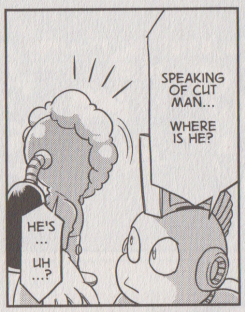

MIGHT I HAVE A MOMENT OF YOUR TIME, GENTS...?

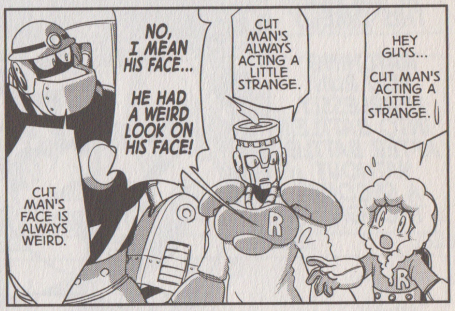

IT WILL BE THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT.
IF WE DON'T FIGURE OUT SOME WAY TO DEFEAT ALL OF THEM AND DESTROY THAT "MOON" ...
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT, ACCORDING TO THE STAR-DROIDS...

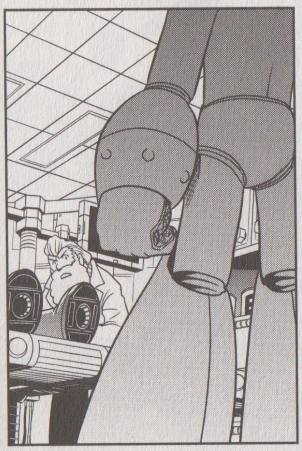


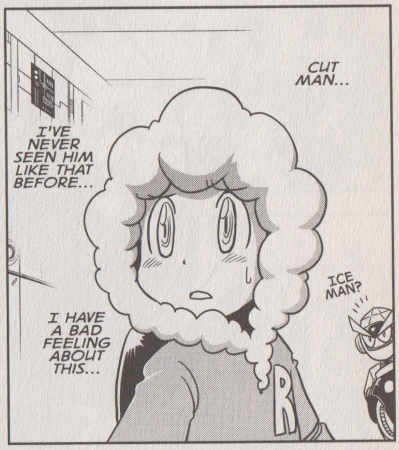

WHAT DID YOU WANT TO ASK?
OF COURSE, ELEC MAN...

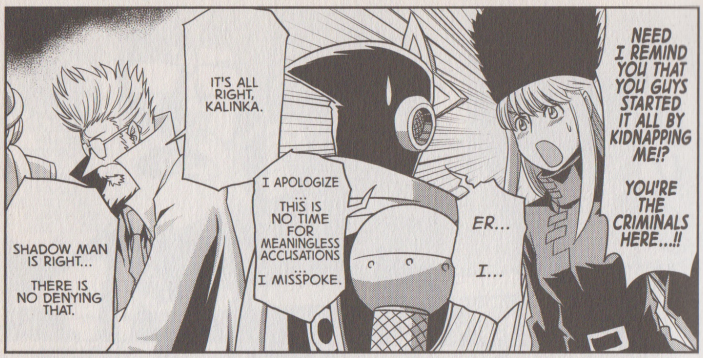


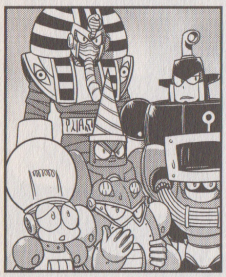

SPEAKING OF CUT MAN... WHERE IS HE?
HE'S ... UH ...?

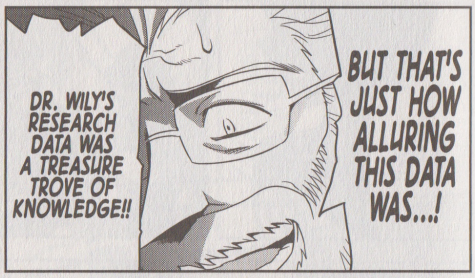

NO, I MEAN HIS FACE... HE HAD A WEIRD LOOK ON HIS FACE!
CUT MAN'S FACE IS ALWAYS WEIRD.
CUT MAN'S ALWAYS ACTING A LITTLE STRANGE.
HEY GUYS... CUT MAN'S ACTING A LITTLE STRANGE.

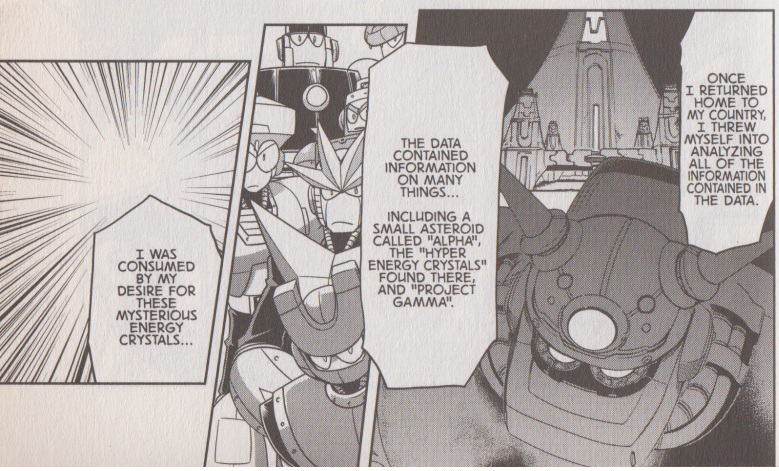



CUT MAN...
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM LIKE THAT BEFORE...
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...
ICE MAN?


SHADOW MAN IS RIGHT... THERE IS NO DENYING THAT.
IT'S ALL RIGHT, KALINKA.
I APOLOGIZE
THIS IS NO TIME FOR MEANINGLESS ACCUSATIONS
I MISSPOKE.
ER...
I...
NEED I REMIND YOU THAT YOU GUYS STARTED IT ALL BY KIDNAPPING ME!?
YOU'RE THE CRIMINALS HERE...!!

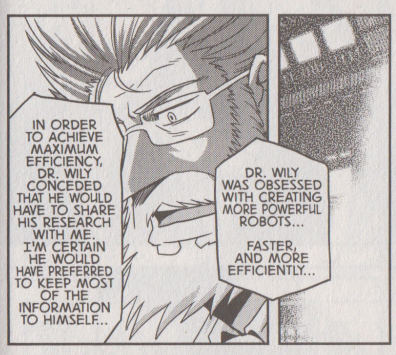


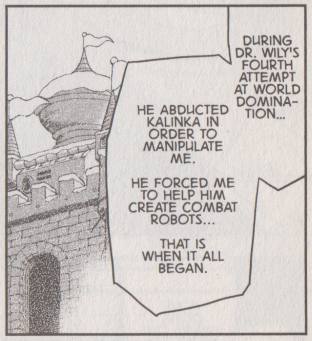

DR. WILY'S RESEARCH DATA WAS A TREASURE TROVE OF KNOWLEDGE!!
BUT THAT'S JUST HOW ALLURING THIS DATA WAS...!


I WAS CONSUMED BY MY DESIRE FOR THESE MYSTERIOUS ENERGY CRYSTALS...
THE DATA CONTAINED INFORMATION ON MANY THINGS...
INCLUDING A SMALL ASTEROID CALLED "ALPHA", THE "HYPER ENERGY CRYSTALS" FOUND THERE, AND "PROJECT GAMMA".
ONCE I RETURNED HOME TO MY COUNTRY, I THREW MYSELF INTO ANALYZING ALL OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE DATA.

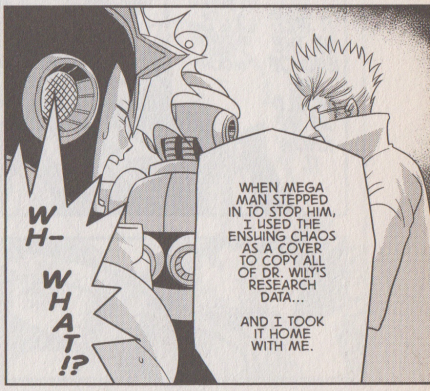
WHERE SHALL I START?

DR. COSSACK! PLEASE TELL US... ABOUT THOSE CRYSTALS!!
YOU GAVE RING MAN AND THE OTHERS A STRANGE "POWER"... A POWER GREAT ENOUGH TO STAND UP TO THE STARDROIDS!!

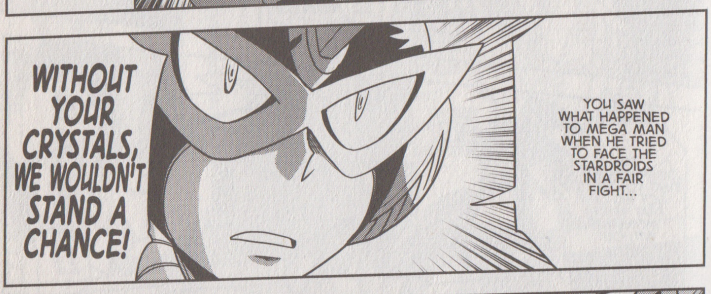

IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY, DR. WILY CONCEDED THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO SHARE HIS RESEARCH WITH ME. I'M CERTAIN HE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO KEEP MOST OF THE INFORMATION TO HIMSELF...
DR. WILY WAS OBSESSED WITH CREATING MORE POWERFUL ROBOTS... FASTER, AND MORE EFFICIENTLY...

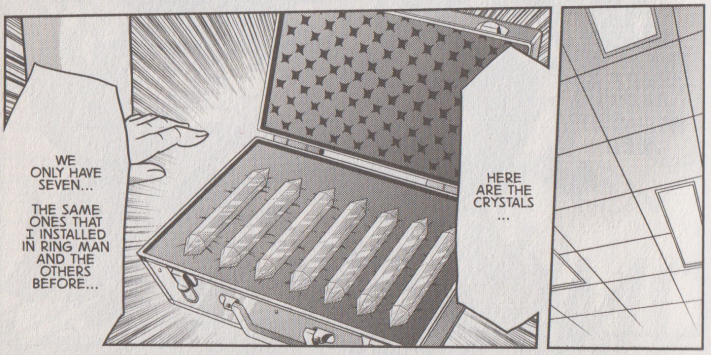

DURING DR. WILY'S FOURTH ATTEMPT AT WORLD DOMINATION...
HE ABDUCTED KALINKA IN ORDER TO MANIPULATE ME.
HE FORCED ME TO HELP HIM CREATE COMBAT ROBOTS...
THAT IS WHEN IT ALL BEGAN.

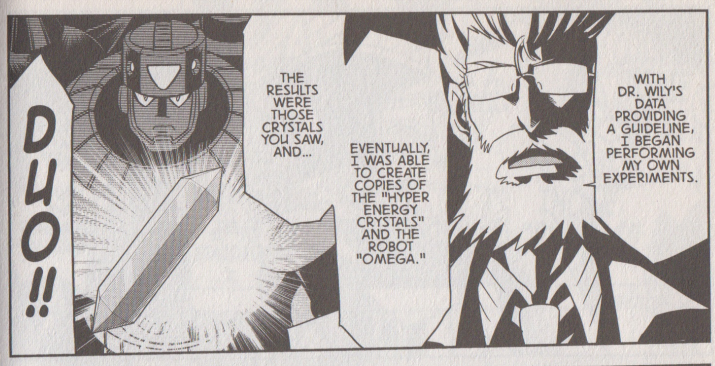
EXCUSE ME!?
YOU... YOU'RE A THIEF!!

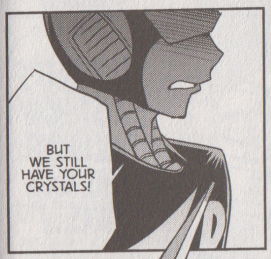

WH- WHAT!?
WHEN MEGA MAN STEPPED IN TO STOP HIM, I USED THE ENSUING CHAOS AS A COVER TO COPY ALL OF DR. WILY'S RESEARCH DATA...
AND I TOOK IT HOME WITH ME.

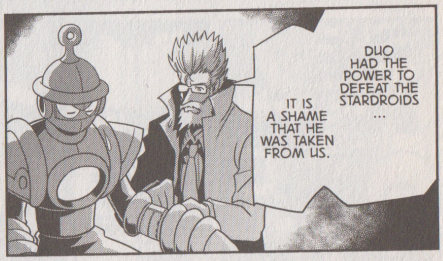
YOU ARE RIGHT, OF COURSE...
IF YOU WERE TO HARNESS THE POWER OF THE CRYSTAL...
YOU'D BE CAPABLE OF DESTROYING THE STARDROIDS, JUST AS DUO WAS.

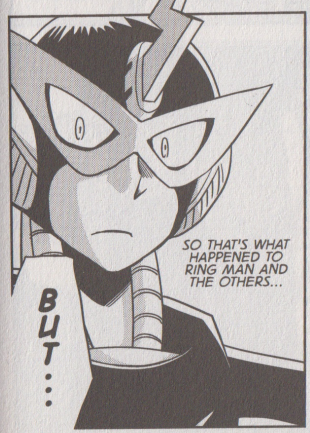

YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED TO MEGA MAN WHEN HE TRIED TO FACE THE STARDROIDS IN A FAIR FIGHT...
WITHOUT YOUR CRYSTALS, WE WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE!


HERE ARE THE CRYSTALS ...
WE ONLY HAVE SEVEN...
THE SAME ONES THAT I INSTALLED IN RING MAN AND THE OTHERS BEFORE...

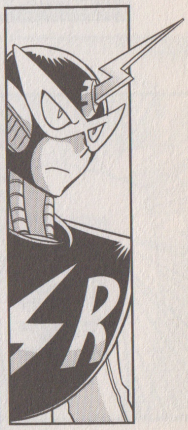

DUO!!
THE RESULTS WERE THOSE CRYSTALS YOU SAW, AND...
EVENTUALLY, I WAS ABLE TO CREATE COPIES OF THE "HYPER ENERGY CRYSTALS" AND THE ROBOT "OMEGA."
WITH DR. WILY'S DATA PROVIDING A GUIDELINE, I BEGAN PERFORMING MY OWN EXPERIMENTS.

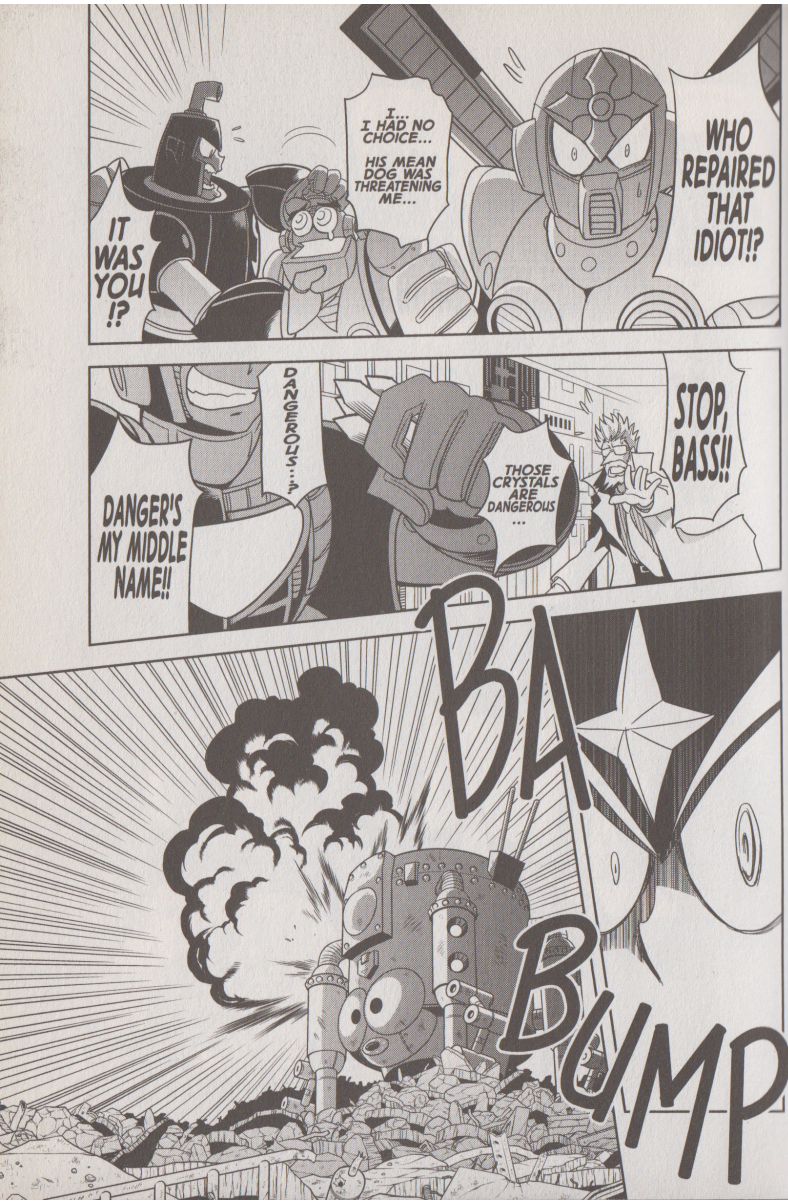

BUT WE STILL HAVE YOUR CRYSTALS!

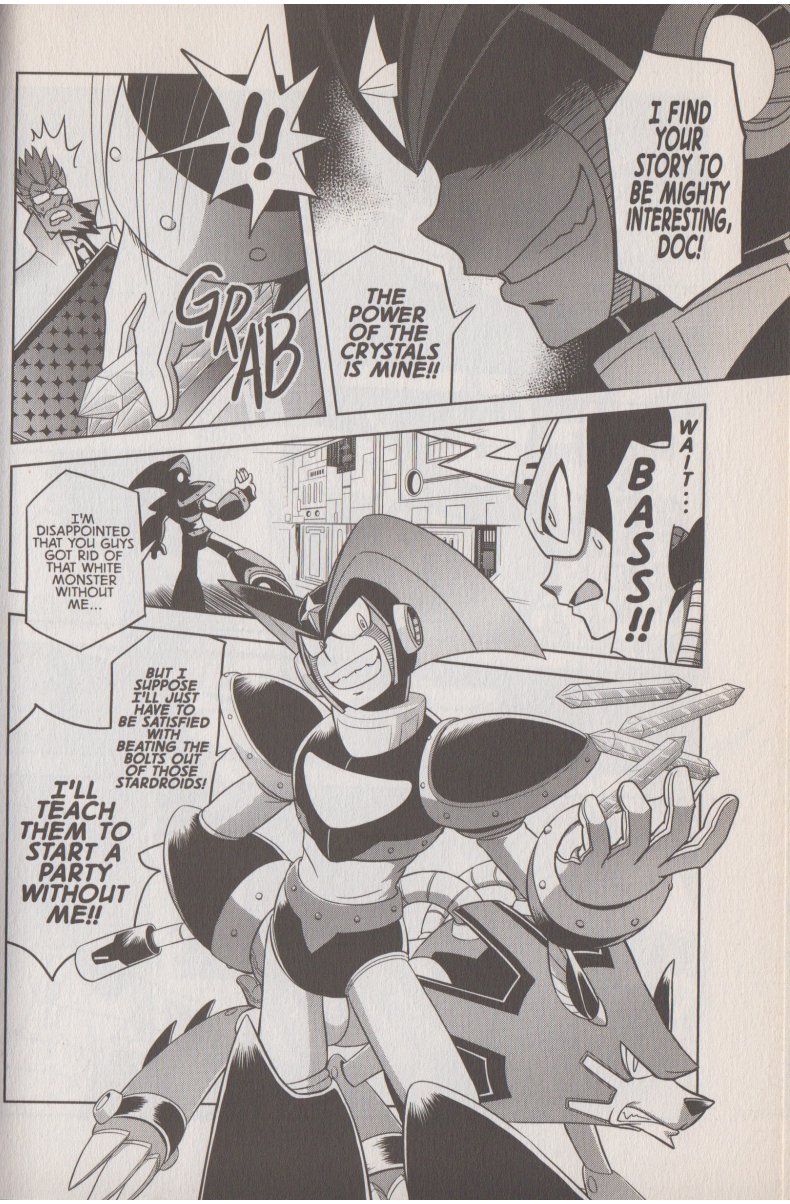

DUO HAD THE POWER TO DEFEAT THE STARDROIDS ...
IT IS A SHAME THAT HE WAS TAKEN FROM US.


BUT...
SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED TO RING MAN AND THE OTHERS...

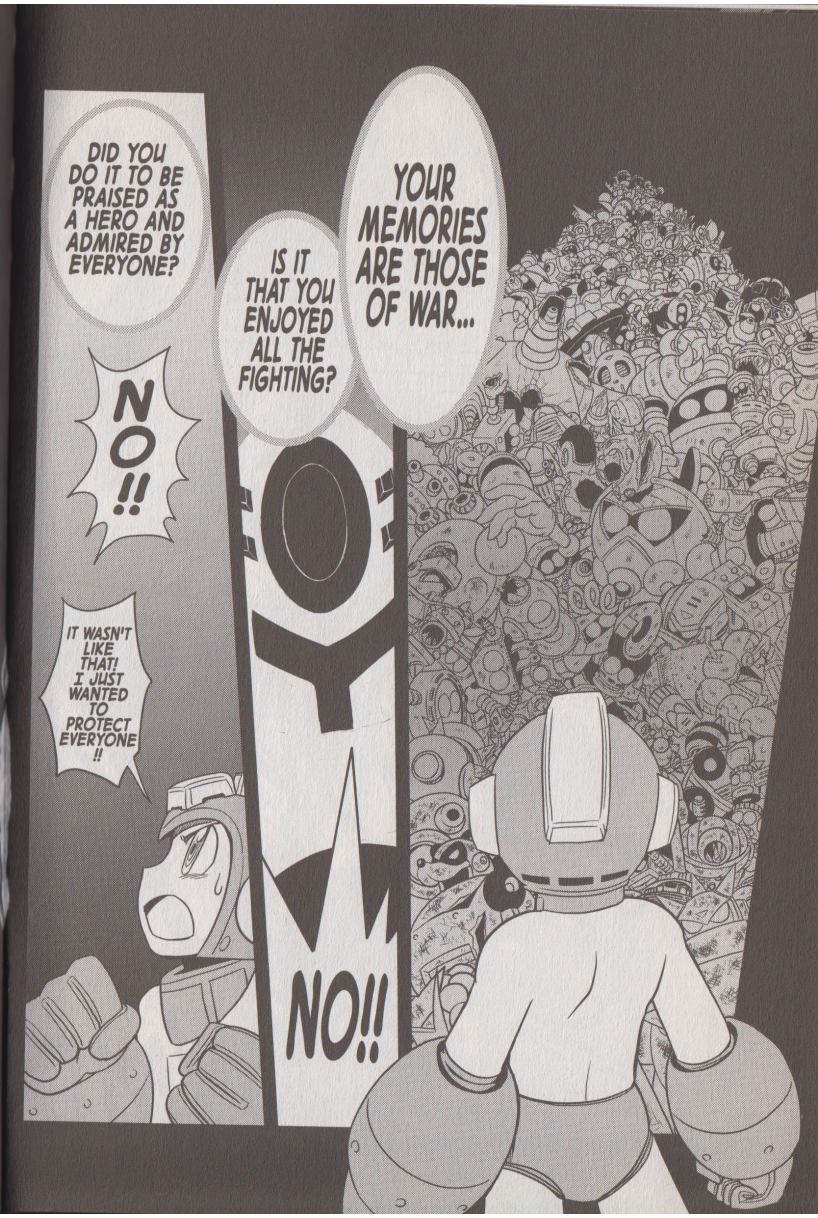
MY "CRYSTALS" ARE FLAWED...
THEY ARE NOT PERFECT REPLICAS OF THE ORIGINALS.
IF I WERE TO INSTALL ONE OF THE CRYSTALS INTO YOUR SYSTEM, YOU WOULD LOSE YOUR SENSES...
YOU WOULD LITERALLY GO BERSERK.
ELEC MAN...

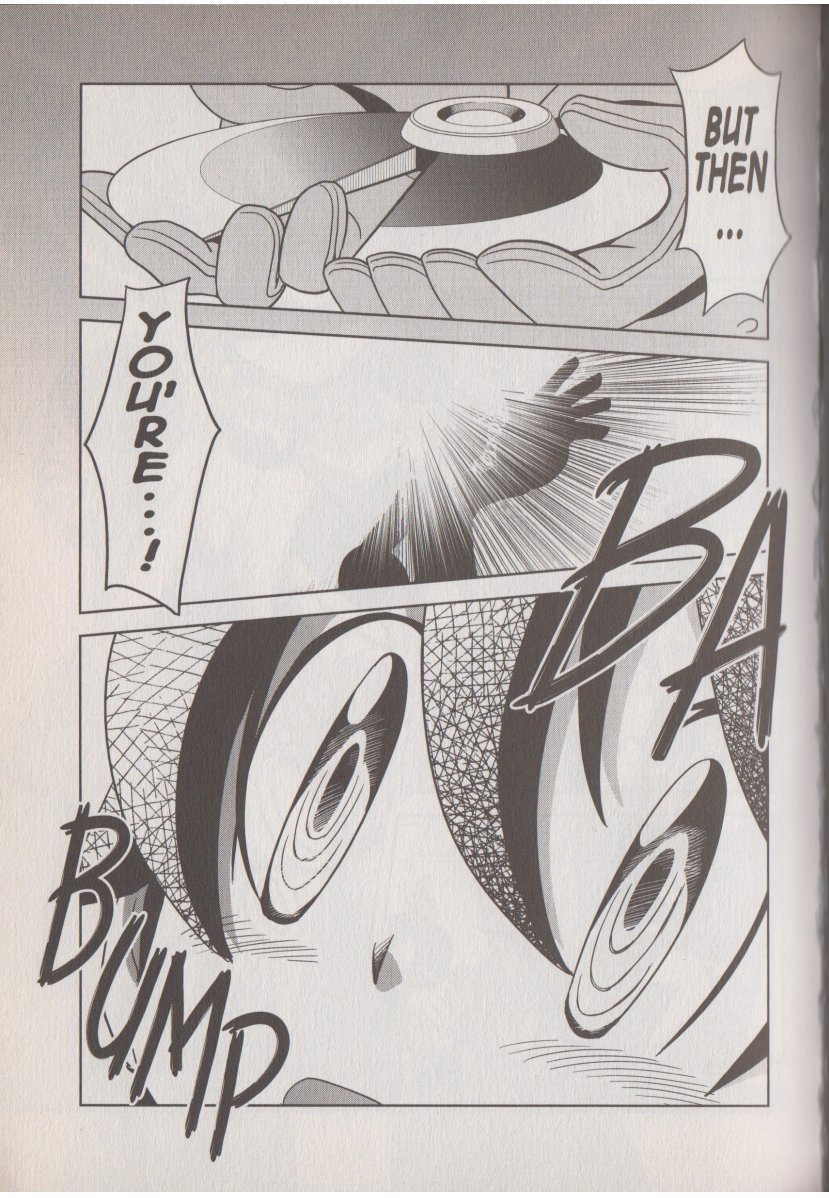


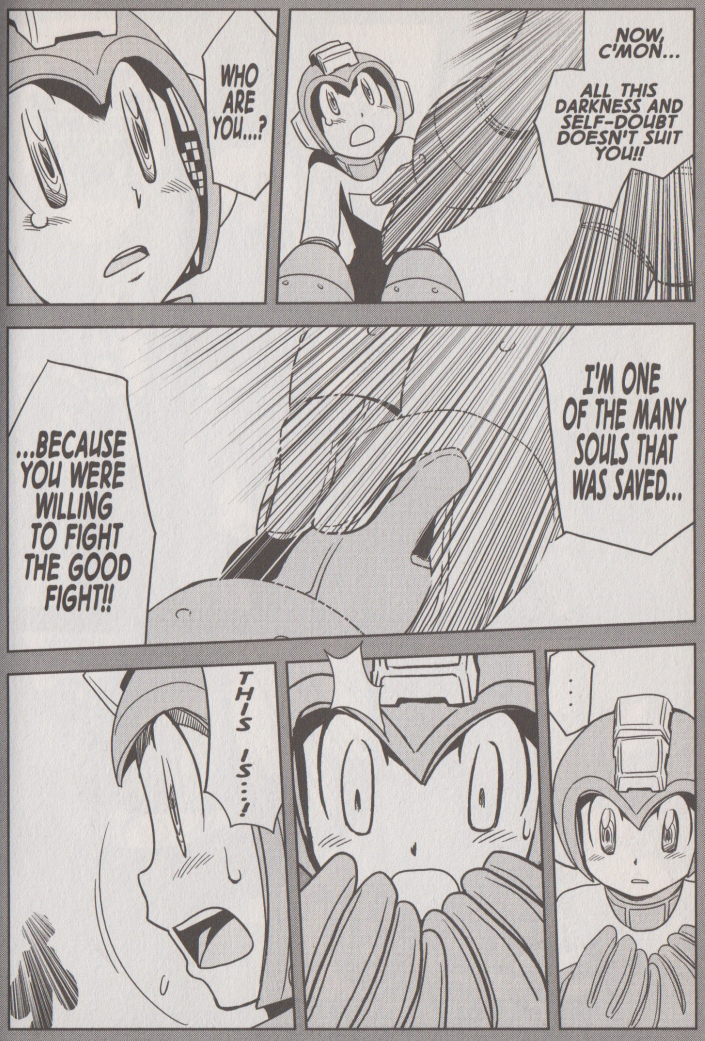

WHO REPAIRED THAT IDIOT!?
I... I HAD NO CHOICE... HIS MEAN DOG WAS THREATENING ME...
IT WAS YOU!?
STOP, BASS!!
THOSE CRYSTALS ARE DANGEROUS...
DANGEROUS...?
DANGER'S MY MIDDLE NAME!!
BA
BUMP

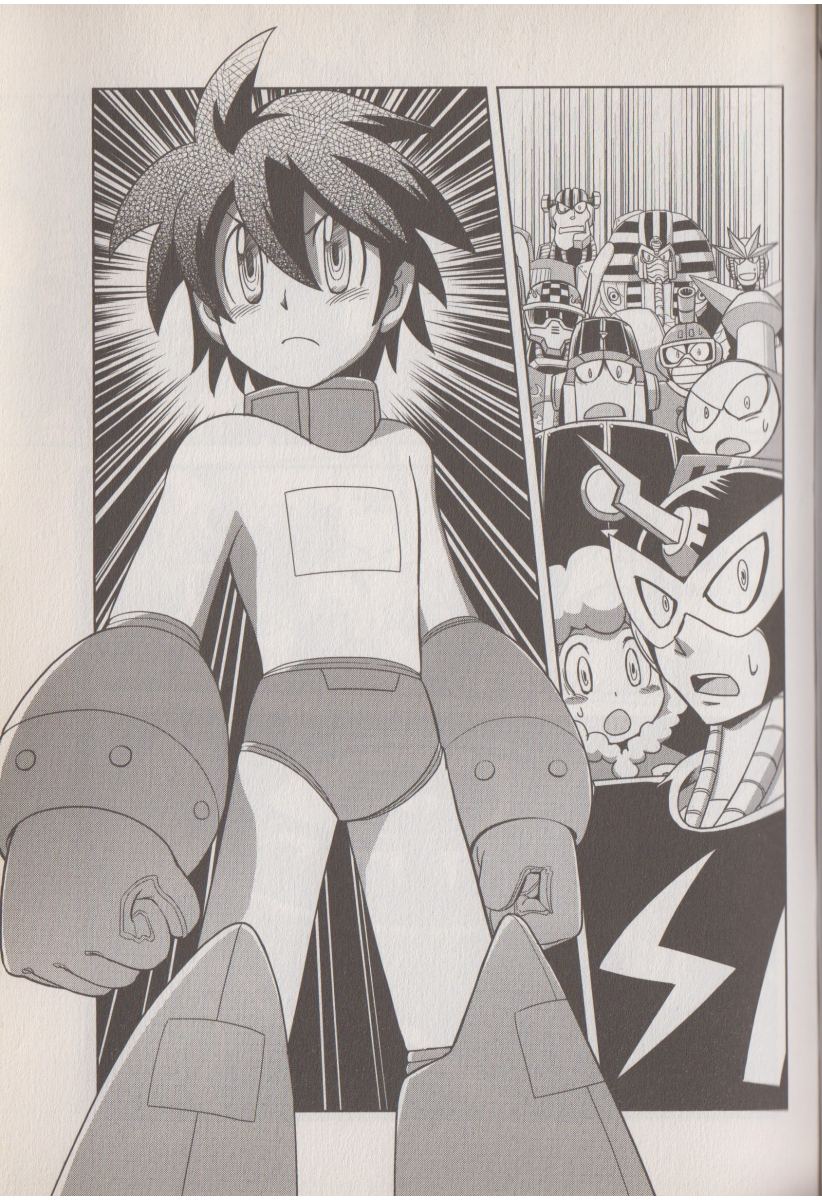

!!
GRAB
I FIND YOUR STORY TO BE MIGHTY INTERESTING, DOC!
THE POWER OF THE CRYSTALS IS MINE!!
WAIT... BASS!!
I'M DISAPPOINTED THAT YOU GUYS GOT RID OF THAT WHITE MONSTER WITHOUT ME...
BUT I SUPPOSE I'LL JUST HAVE TO BE SATISFIED WITH BEATING THE BOLTS OUT OF THOSE STARDROIDS!
I'LL TEACH THEM TO START A PARTY WITHOUT ME!!

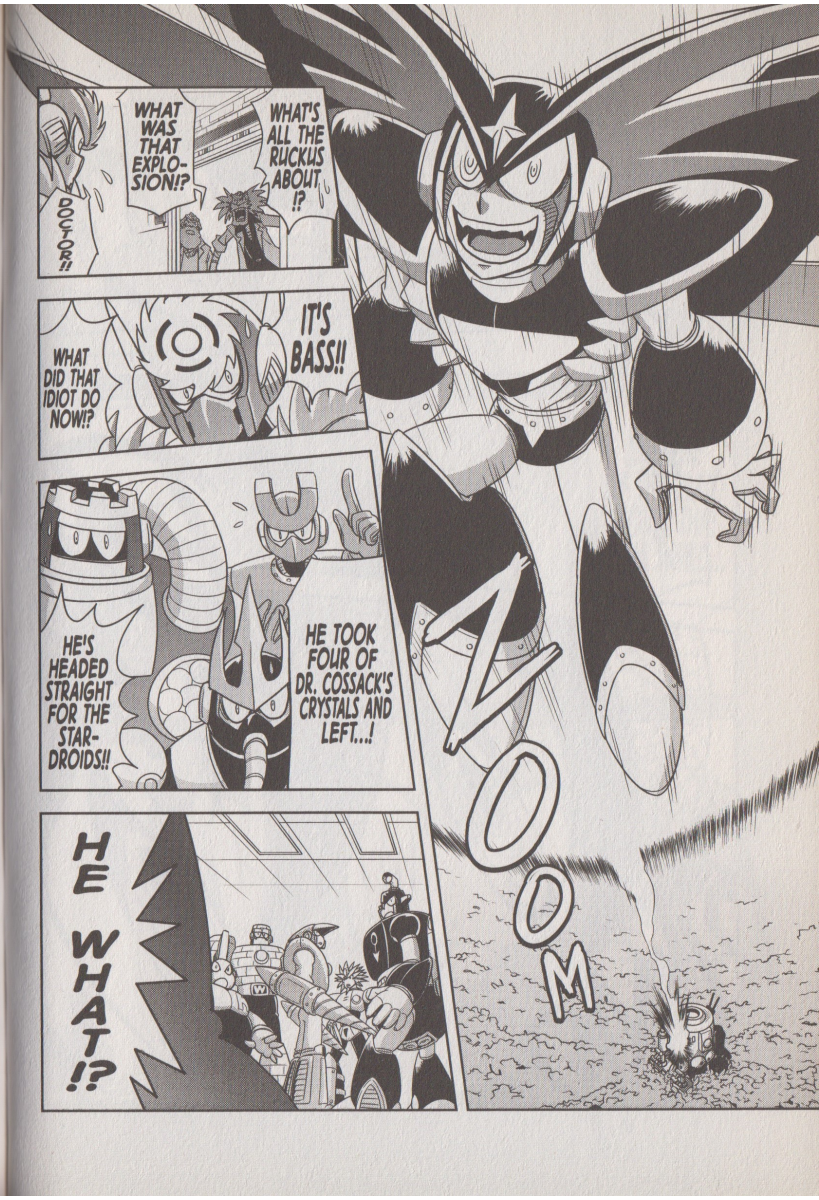
AS MANY AS WAS NEEDED!
!
HOW MANY OF YOUR ROBOT BRETHREN DID YOU DESTROY IN ORDER TO "PROTECT EVERYONE?"
...
IS THAT HOW YOU EXCUSE ALL OF THE VIOLENCE YOU COMMIT-TED?
"PROTECT EVERYONE"...? IS THAT WHAT YOU CALL THIS?
I...
I'VE SEEN THE TRUE RESULT OF EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE...
YOU'VE DONE RIGHT BY ALL OF US...
DON'T EVER DOUBT THAT.

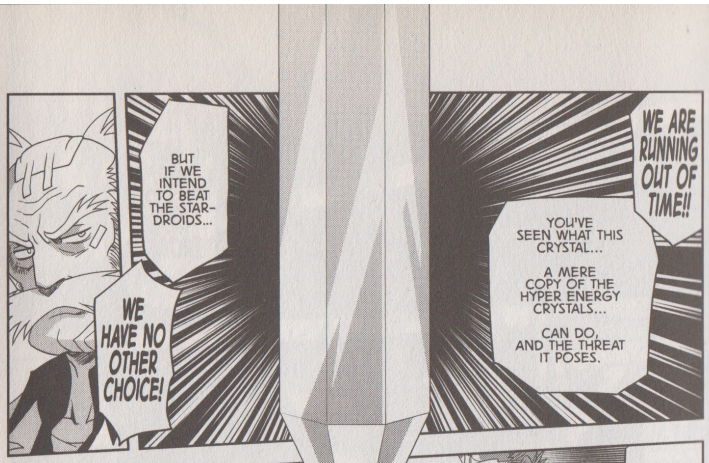

DID YOU DO IT TO BE PRAISED AS A HERO AND ADMIRED BY EVERYONE?
NO!!
IT WASN'T LIKE THAT! I JUST WANTED TO PROTECT EVERYONE !!
IS IT THAT YOU ENJOYED ALL THE FIGHTING?
NO!!
YOUR MEMORIES ARE THOSE OF WAR...

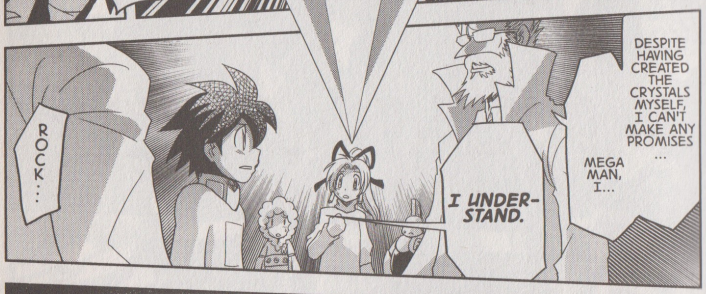

BUT THEN ...
YOU'RE...!
BA
BUMP

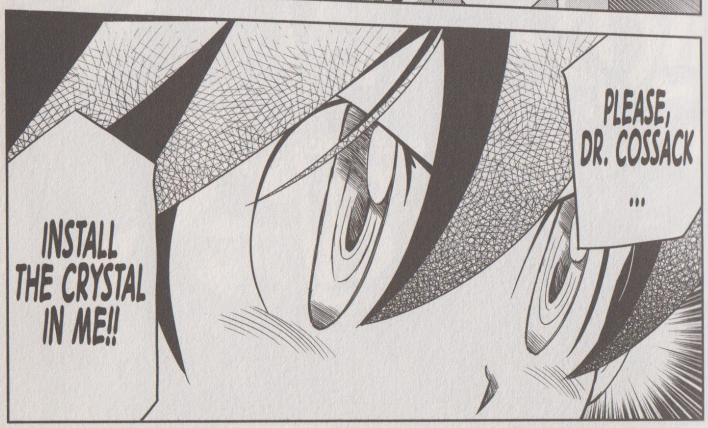

WHO ARE YOU...?
NOW, C'MON...
ALL THIS DARKNESS AND SELF-DOUBT DOESN'T SUIT YOU!!
I'M ONE OF THE MANY SOULS THAT WAS SAVED...
...BECAUSE YOU WERE WILLING TO FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT!!
THIS IS...!
...

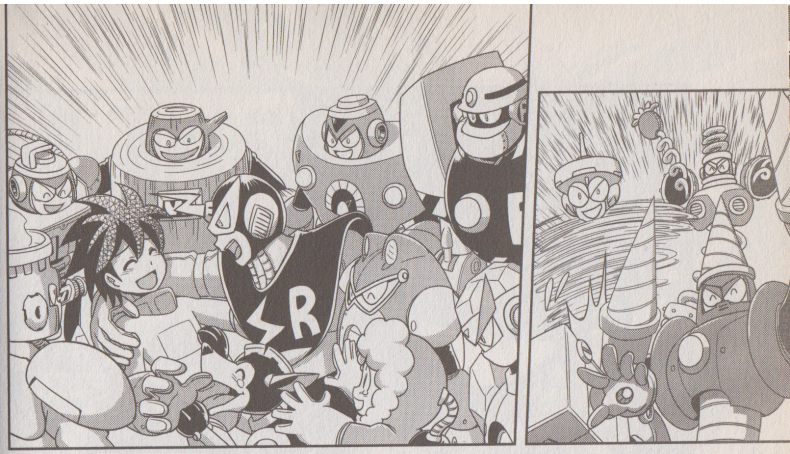


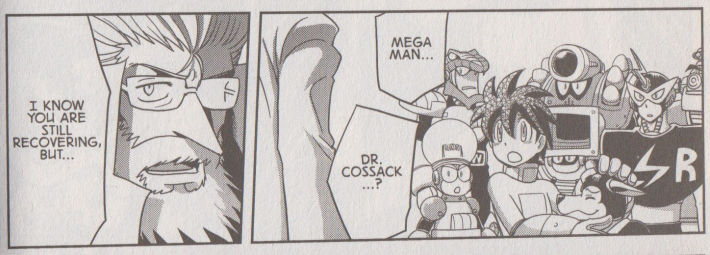

DOCTOR!!
WHAT WAS THAT EXPLO-SION!?
WHAT'S ALL THE RUCKUS ABOUT!?
WHAT DID THAT IDIOT DO NOW!?
IT'S BASS!!
HE'S HEADED STRAIGHT FOR THE STAR-DROIDS!!
HE TOOK FOUR OF DR. COSSACK'S CRYSTALS AND LEFT...!
HE WHAT!?
VOOM

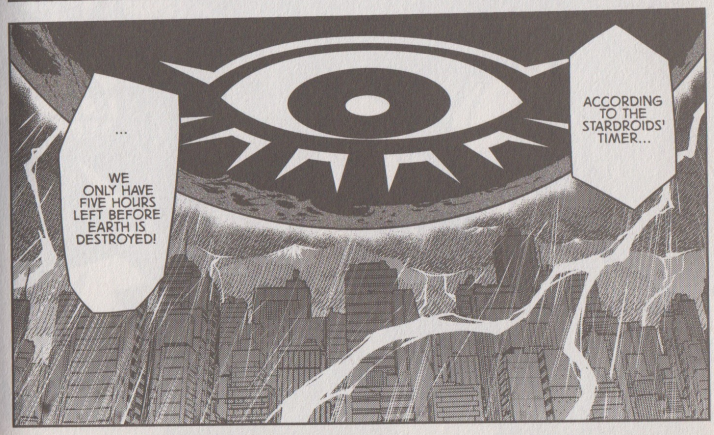

BUT IF WE INTEND TO BEAT THE STAR-DROIDS...
WE HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE!
YOU'VE SEEN WHAT THIS CRYSTAL...
A MERE COPY OF THE HYPER ENERGY CRYSTALS...
CAN DO, AND THE THREAT IT POSES.
WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF TIME!!


ROCK...
I UNDER-STAND.
MEGA MAN, I...
DESPITE HAVING CREATED THE CRYSTALS MYSELF, I CAN'T MAKE ANY PROMISES ...

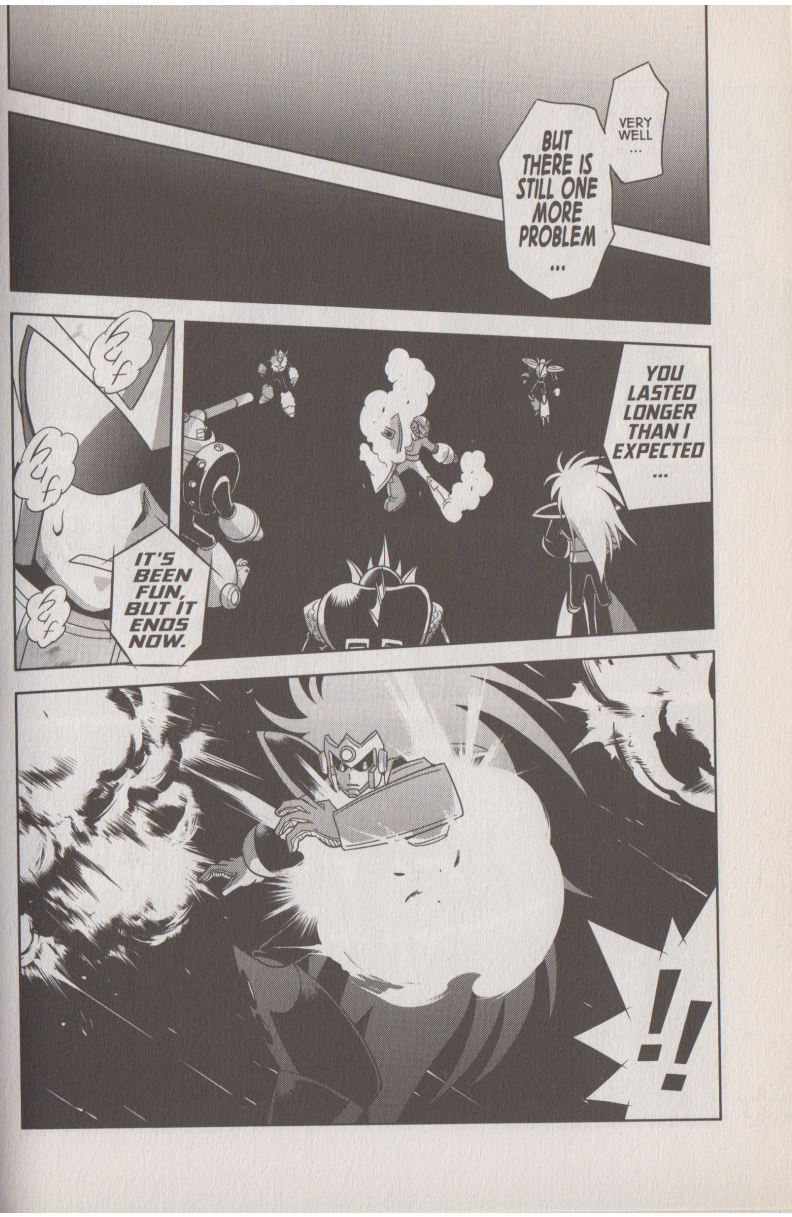

INSTALL THE CRYSTAL IN ME!!
PLEASE, DR. COSSACK ...




I KNOW YOU ARE STILL RECOVERING, BUT...
DR. COSSACK ...?
MEGA MAN...


... WE ONLY HAVE FIVE HOURS LEFT BEFORE EARTH IS DESTROYED!
ACCORDING TO THE STARDROIDS' TIMER...

HA HAHA HA
BA BA
HA HA HA HA HA
HA
WHO IS THIS GUY!?
...!!
BASS !? ....!
HE HAS THE POWER OF THE CRYS..
ZA !
BA BA BA BA


VERY WELL ...
BUT THERE IS STILL ONE MORE PROBLEM ...
YOU LASTED LONGER THAN I EXPECTED ...
IT'S BEEN FUN, BUT IT ENDS NOW.
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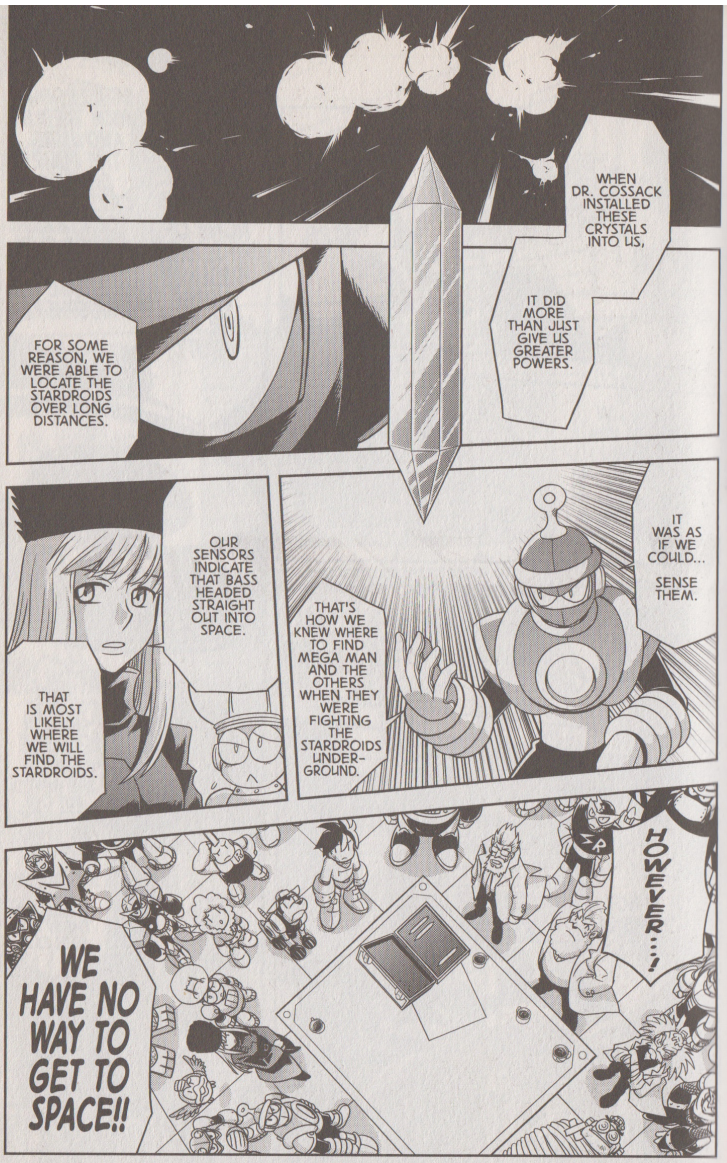
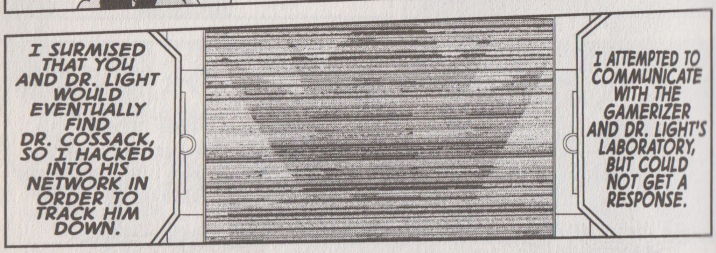
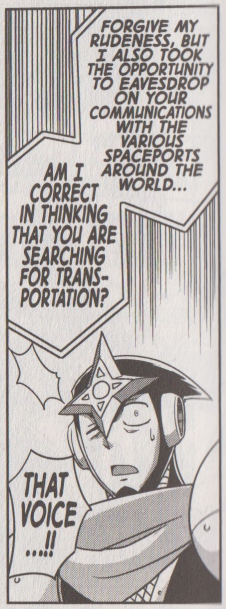

WHEN DR. COSSACK INSTALLED THESE CRYSTALS INTO US,
IT DID MORE THAN JUST GIVE US GREATER POWERS.
FOR SOME REASON, WE WERE ABLE TO LOCATE THE STARDROIDS OVER LONG DISTANCES.
IT WAS AS IF WE COULD...
SENSE THEM.
THAT'S HOW WE KNEW WHERE TO FIND MEGA MAN AND THE OTHERS WHEN THEY WERE FIGHTING THE STARDROIDS UNDER-GROUND.
OUR SENSORS INDICATE THAT BASS HEADED STRAIGHT OUT INTO SPACE.
THAT IS MOST LIKELY WHERE WE WILL FIND THE STARDROIDS.
HOWEVER...!
WE HAVE NO WAY TO GET TO SPACE!!

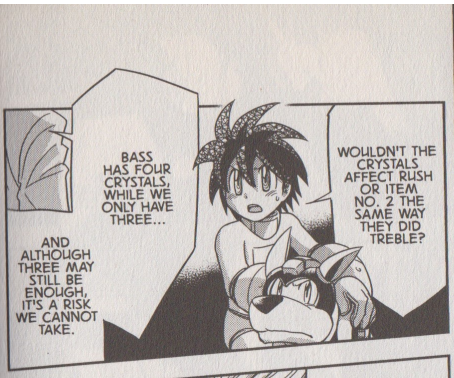
HA HAHA
HA HA HA HA

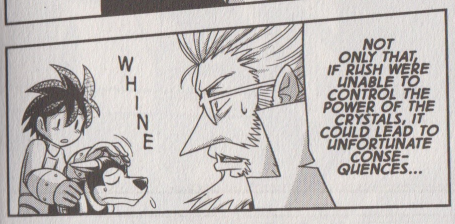
WHO IS THAT!?
WHAT...?
...STILL EXISTS!
WILY CITY...


I SURMISED THAT YOU AND DR. LIGHT WOULD EVENTUALLY FIND DR. COSSACK, SO I HACKED INTO HIS NETWORK IN ORDER TO TRACK HIM DOWN.
I ATTEMPTED TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE GAMERIZER AND DR. LIGHT'S LABORATORY, BUT COULD NOT GET A RESPONSE.

I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU HERE, AT WILY CITY.
IF YOUR DESTINATION IS SPACE, MIGHT I BE SO BOLD AS TO OFFER YOU A RIDE?
SHADE MAN!!


FORGIVE MY RUDENESS, BUT I ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO EAVESDROP ON YOUR COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE VARIOUS SPACEPORTS AROUND THE WORLD...
AM I CORRECT IN THINKING THAT YOU ARE SEARCHING FOR TRANSPORTATION?
THAT VOICE ...!!

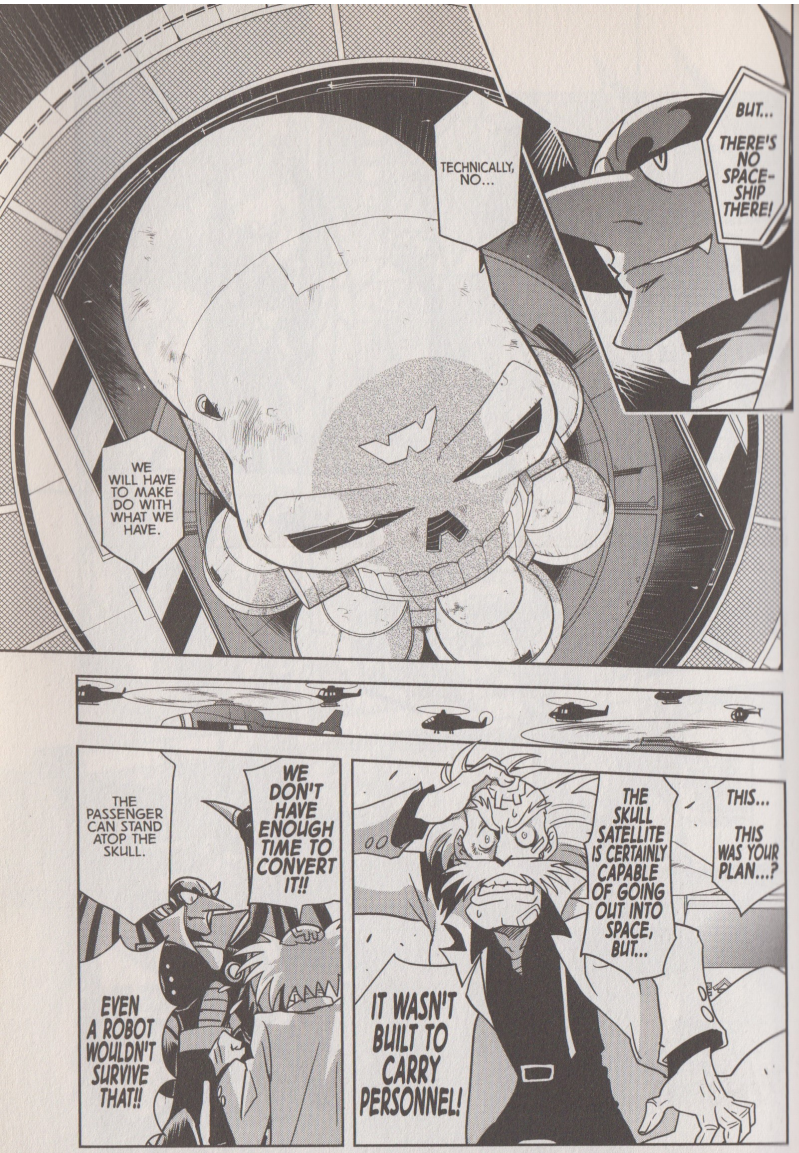

BASS HAS FOUR CRYSTALS, WHILE WE ONLY HAVE THREE...
AND ALTHOUGH THREE MAY STILL BE ENOUGH, IT'S A RISK WE CANNOT TAKE.
WOULDN'T THE CRYSTALS AFFECT RUSH OR ITEM NO. 2 THE SAME WAY THEY DID TREBLE?


WHINE
NOT ONLY THAT, IF RUSH WERE UNABLE TO CONTROL THE POWER OF THE CRYSTALS, IT COULD LEAD TO UNFORTUNATE CONSEQUENCES...

IF ONLY WILY CITY WAS STILL STANDING...!!
DAG-NABBIT!!

WILY CITY...
IS NOT GONE...!!

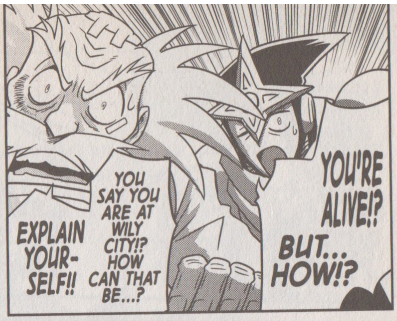
UNFORTUNATELY, NONE OF THE ROBOTS PRESENTLY HERE HAVE THAT ABILITY.
BY MERGING WITH TREBLE AND USING THE FOUR ENERGY CRYSTALS HE TOOK, BASS GAINED THE POWER TO PENETRATE THE ATMOSPHERE.
THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SPACE SHUTTLES AROUND THE WORLD, BUT THE DESTRUCTION AND CHAOS CAUSED BY THE STARDROIDS HAS RENDERED THEM ALL USELESS.
WE SIMPLY HAVE NO OPTIONS!!

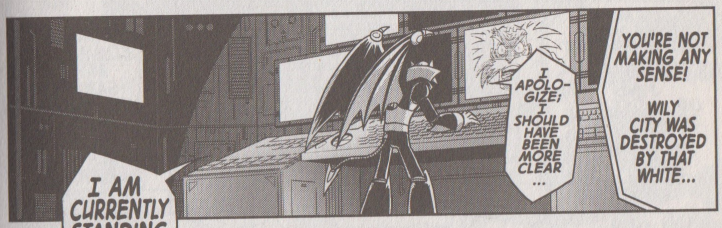

BUT... THERE'S NO SPACE-SHIP THERE!
TECHNICALLY, NO...
WE WILL HAVE TO MAKE DO WITH WHAT WE HAVE.

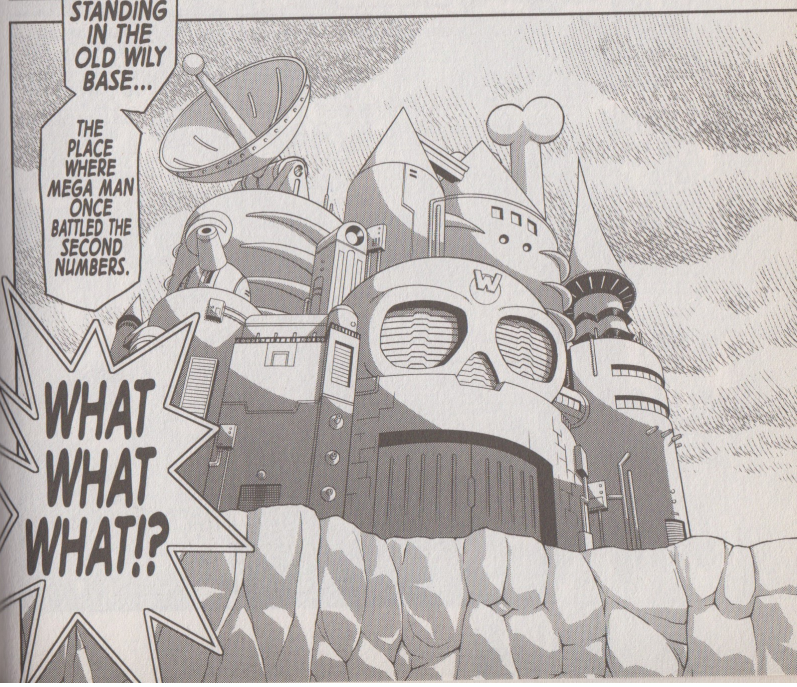
THE PASSENGER CAN STAND ATOP THE SKULL.
WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO CONVERT IT!!
EVEN A ROBOT WOULDN'T SURVIVE THAT!!

THIS... THIS WAS YOUR PLAN...?
THE SKULL SATELLITE IS CERTAINLY CAPABLE OF GOING OUT INTO SPACE, BUT...
IT WASN'T BUILT TO CARRY PERSONNEL!

PLEASE REMAIN CALM.
THERE IS NO TIME TO EXPLAIN FULLY... YOU MUST GET HERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!


YOU'RE ALIVE!? BUT... HOW!?
YOU SAY YOU ARE AT WILY CITY!? HOW CAN THAT BE...?
EXPLAIN YOUR-SELF!!


YOU'RE NOT MAKING ANY SENSE! WILY CITY WAS DESTROYED BY THAT WHITE...
I APOLO-GIZE; I SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE CLEAR ...


I AM CURRENTLY STANDING IN THE OLD WILY BASE...
THE PLACE WHERE MEGA MAN ONCE BATTLED THE SECOND NUMBERS.
WHAT WHAT WHAT!?

GUSH GUSH
SPLASH
SPIN
WOOSH
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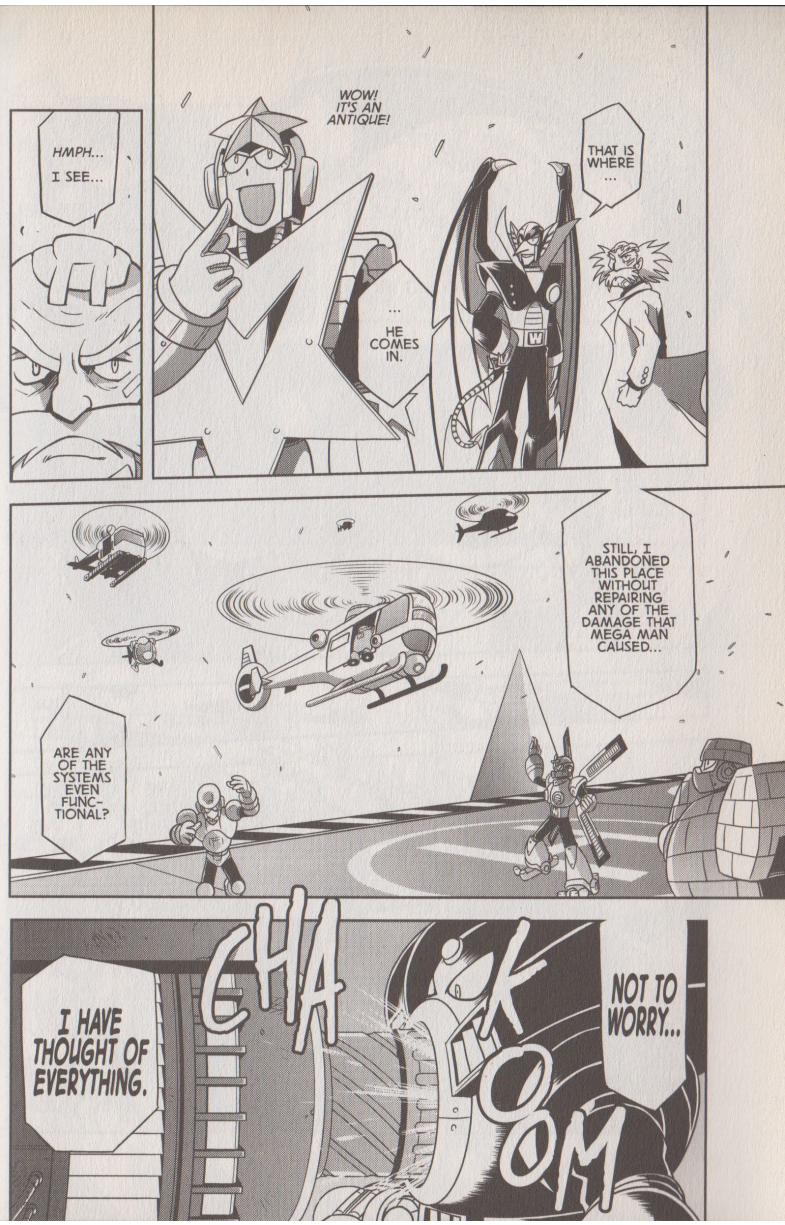
SO THIS IS YOUR "PLAN", IS IT?
YES.
THE NUMBERS WILL STAND IN FOR ANY BROKEN EQUIPMENT.
ONLY A FOOL WOULD COME UP WITH A PLAN LIKE THIS...


HMPH... I SEE...
WOW! IT'S AN ANTIQUE!
... HE COMES IN.
THAT IS WHERE ...
ARE ANY OF THE SYSTEMS EVEN FUNC-TIONAL?
STILL, I ABANDONED THIS PLACE WITHOUT REPAIRING ANY OF THE DAMAGE THAT MEGA MAN CAUSED...
I HAVE THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING.
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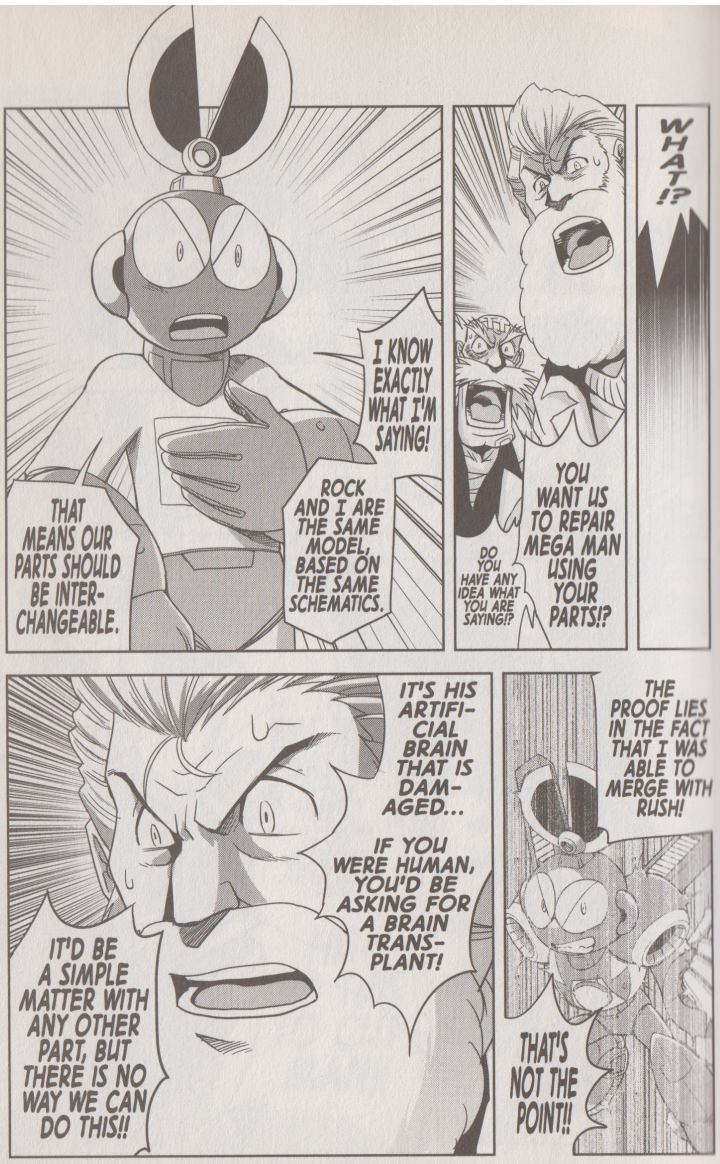
OOM
NOT TO WORRY...


THAT MEANS OUR PARTS SHOULD BE INTER-CHANGEABLE.
I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I'M SAYING!
ROCK AND I ARE THE SAME MODEL, BASED ON THE SAME SCHEMATICS.
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT YOU ARE SAYING!?
YOU WANT US TO REPAIR MEGA MAN USING YOUR PARTS!?
WHAT!?
IT'D BE A SIMPLE MATTER WITH ANY OTHER PART, BUT THERE IS NO WAY WE CAN DO THIS!!
IT'S HIS ARTIFI-CIAL BRAIN THAT IS DAM-AGED...
IF YOU WERE HUMAN, YOU'D BE ASKING FOR A BRAIN TRANS-PLANT!
THAT'S NOT THE POINT!!
THE PROOF LIES IN THE FACT THAT I WAS ABLE TO MERGE WITH RUSH!

IT MAY BE INTERESTING TO SEE IF IT WORKS.
I KNOW...
BUT WILY...
HE'S PROBABLY SLACKING OFF SOMEWHERE, TRYING TO AVOID DOING ANY REAL WORK.
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE I WOKE UP.
BY THE WAY, WHERE IS CUT MAN?
YEP! I'M SORRY FOR CAUSING SO MUCH FUSS.
ARE YOU FULLY RECOVERED, ROLL?
CUT MAN...
I NEED TO TELL YOU SOME-THING ...
GUYS...

CUT MAN...
...IS...
BUT THEN...
WHAT HAPPENED TO CUT MAN!?
NO...
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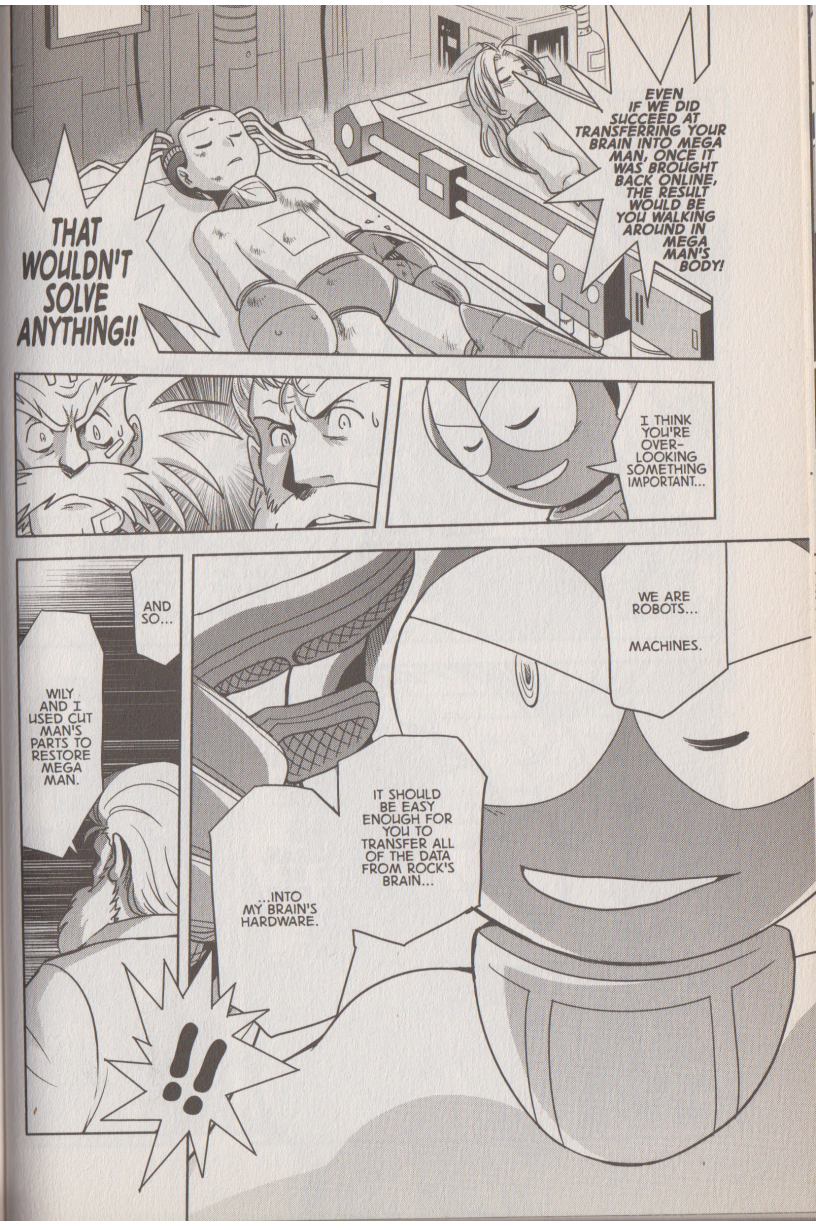
WAS IT WILY!?
IT WAS WILY, WASN'T IT!?
HE DID THIS TO CUT MAN!!
GRAB


EVEN IF WE DID SUCCEED AT TRANSFERRING YOUR BRAIN INTO MEGA MAN, ONCE IT WAS BROUGHT BACK ONLINE, THE RESULT WOULD BE YOU WALKING AROUND IN MEGA MAN'S BODY!
THAT WOULDN'T SOLVE ANYTHING!!
I THINK YOU'RE OVER-LOOKING SOMETHING IMPORTANT...
WE ARE ROBOTS...
MACHINES.
IT SHOULD BE EASY ENOUGH FOR YOU TO TRANSFER ALL OF THE DATA FROM ROCK'S BRAIN...
...INTO MY BRAIN'S HARDWARE.
AND SO...
WILY AND I USED CUT MAN'S PARTS TO RESTORE MEGA MAN.
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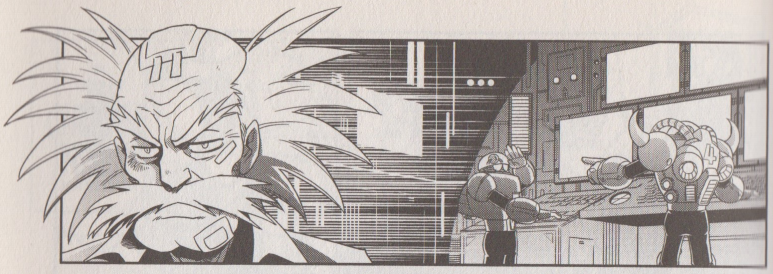


LISTEN TO ME!

WE WON'T DO THAT!!

BUT THAT WOULD MEAN YOUR DATA WOULD BE GONE FOREVER!

IT'S TRUE THAT WE COULD RESTORE MEGA MAN USING THE METHOD YOU'RE DESCRIBING ...

WITH A SOUL, YOU ARE ABLE TO SEE, HEAR, FEEL, AND GROW AS INDIVIDUALS!

LIGHT AND I GAVE YOU ROBOTS SOULS!!

YOUR IDENTITY IS THE SUM OF THESE EXPERI-ENCES!!

YOU FOOL!!

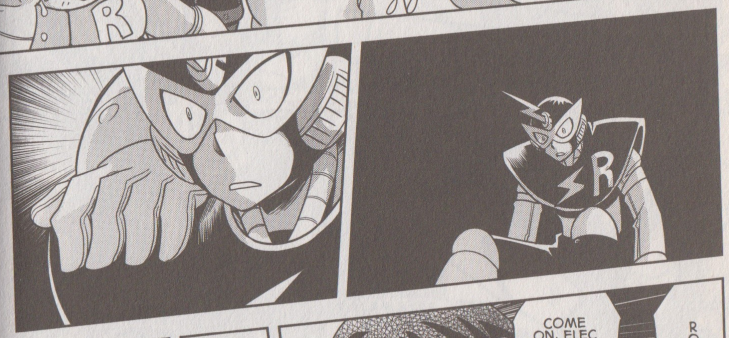
YOU CAN JUST MAKE ME AGAIN ONCE IT'S ALL OVER.

IT WOULDN'T BE THE SAME BRASH HALF-WIT THAT IS STANDING BEFORE ME NOW!!

EVEN IF WE FOLLOWED THE SAME SCHEMATICS TO THE LAST BOLT, THE RESULTING ROBOT WOULD SIMPLY BE "A CUT MAN!"

IT WAS MY DECISION.

NO...



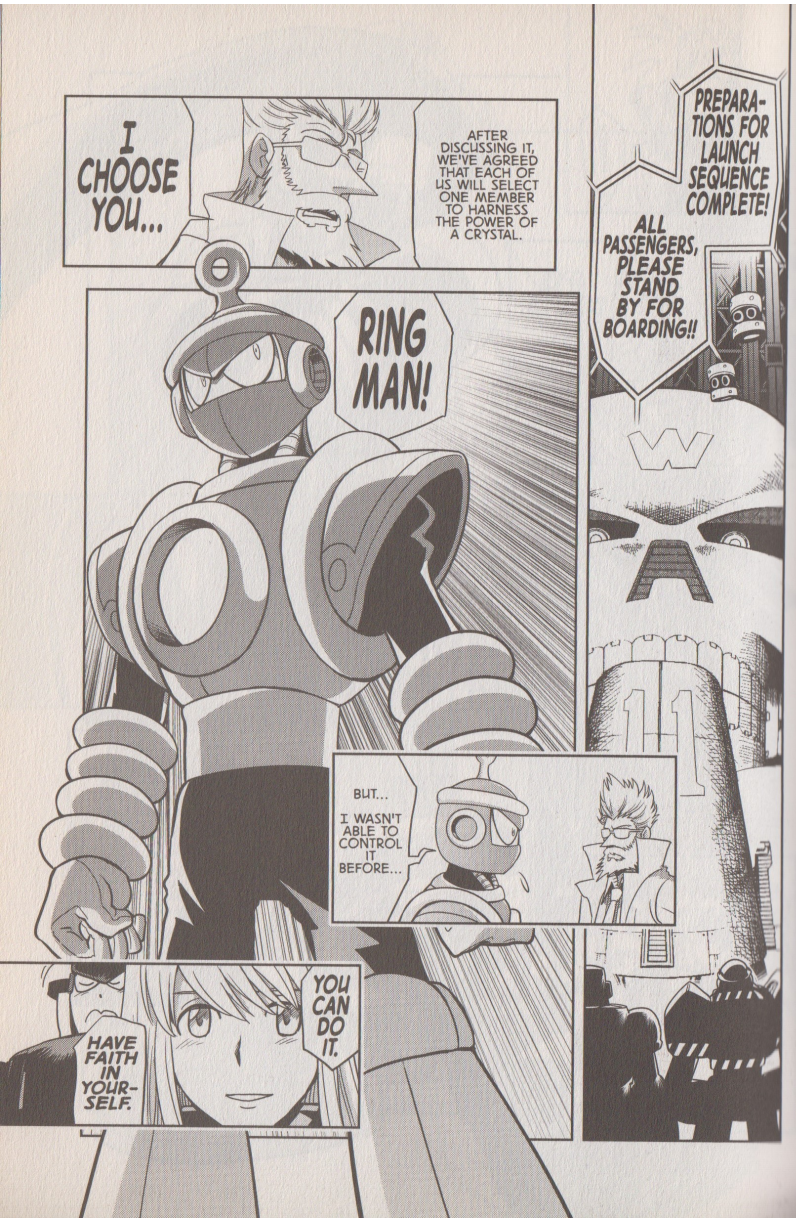
ROCK...

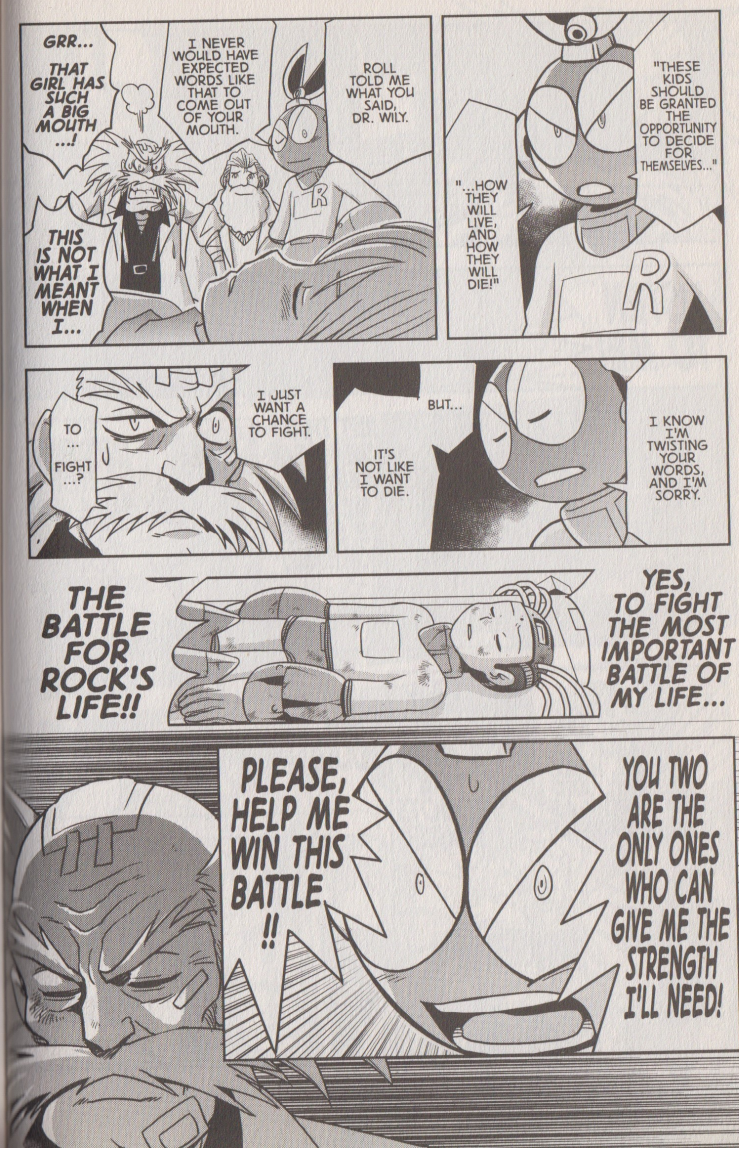
COME ON, ELEC MAN...

WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME.

WE SHOULD CONTINUE WORKING.

BUT...


I CHOOSE YOU...
AFTER DISCUSSING IT, WE'VE AGREED THAT EACH OF US WILL SELECT ONE MEMBER TO HARNESS THE POWER OF A CRYSTAL.
PREPARATIONS FOR LAUNCH SEQUENCE COMPLETE!
ALL PASSENGERS, PLEASE STAND BY FOR BOARDING!!
RING MAN!
BUT... I WASN'T ABLE TO CONTROL IT BEFORE...
YOU CAN DO IT.
HAVE FAITH IN YOURSELF.


GRR... THAT GIRL HAS SUCH A BIG MOUTH ...!
I NEVER WOULD HAVE EXPECTED WORDS LIKE THAT TO COME OUT OF YOUR MOUTH.
ROLL TOLD ME WHAT YOU SAID, DR. WILY.
THIS IS NOT WHAT I MEANT WHEN I...
"...HOW THEY WILL LIVE, AND HOW THEY WILL DIE!"
"THESE KIDS SHOULD BE GRANTED THE OPPORTUNITY TO DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES..."
TO ... FIGHT ...?
I JUST WANT A CHANCE TO FIGHT.
BUT... IT'S NOT LIKE I WANT TO DIE.
I KNOW I'M TWISTING YOUR WORDS, AND I'M SORRY.
THE BATTLE FOR ROCK'S LIFE!!
YES, TO FIGHT THE MOST IMPORTANT BATTLE OF MY LIFE...
PLEASE, HELP ME WIN THIS BATTLE !!
YOU TWO ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN GIVE ME THE STRENGTH I'LL NEED!

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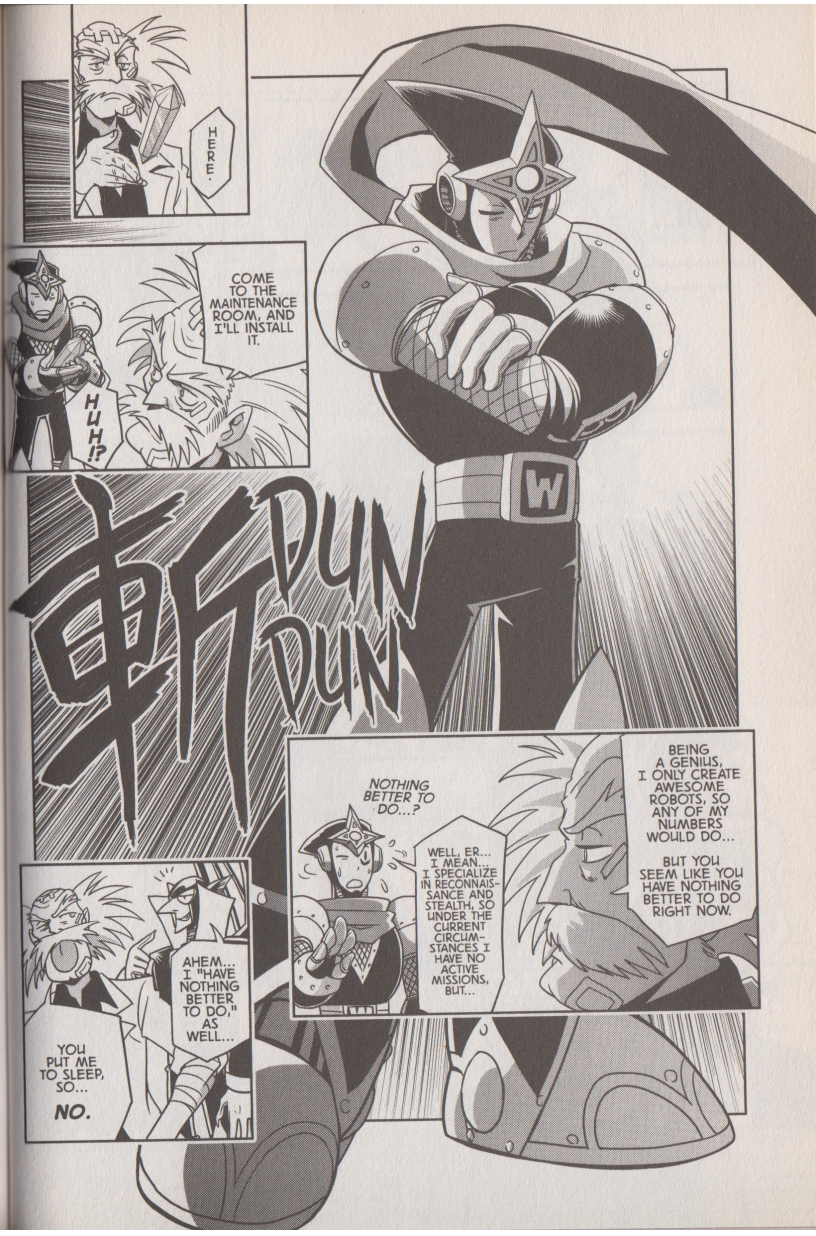
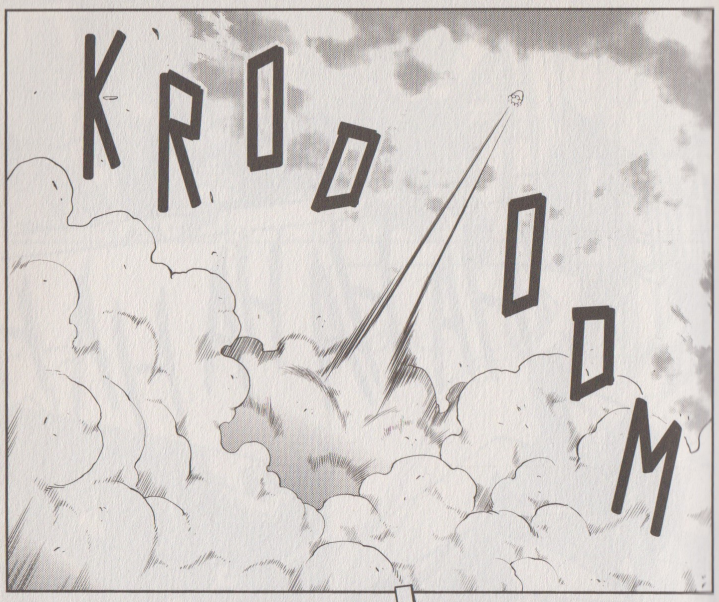
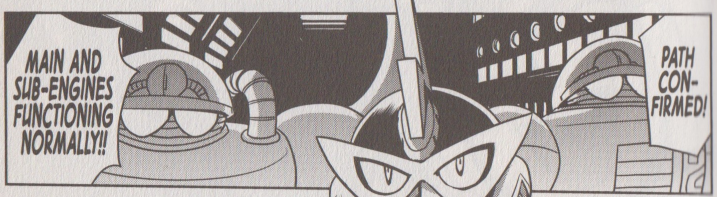
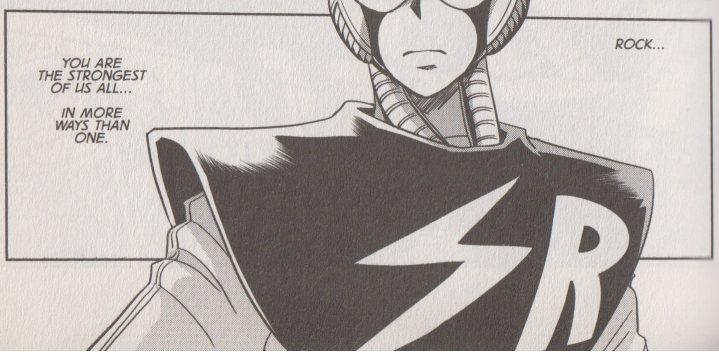
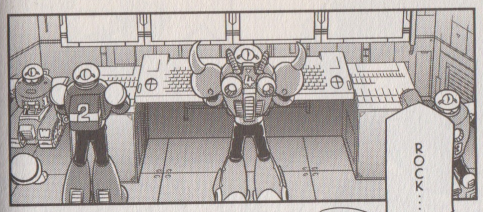
LIFT OFF!!
KROOOM


HERE.
COME TO THE MAINTENANCE ROOM, AND I'LL INSTALL IT.
HUH!?
DUN DUN
NOTHING BETTER TO DO...?
WELL, ER... I MEAN... I SPECIALIZE IN RECONNAISSANCE AND STEALTH, SO UNDER THE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES I HAVE NO ACTIVE MISSIONS, BUT...
BEING A GENIUS, I ONLY CREATE AWESOME ROBOTS, SO ANY OF MY NUMBERS WOULD DO...
BUT YOU SEEM LIKE YOU HAVE NOTHING BETTER TO DO RIGHT NOW.
AHEM... I "HAVE NOTHING BETTER TO DO," AS WELL...
YOU PUT ME TO SLEEP, SO...
NO.


KROOOOOM


MAIN AND SUB-ENGINES FUNCTIONING NORMALLY!!
PATH CON-FIRMED!


YOU ARE THE STRONGEST OF US ALL...
IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE.
ROCK...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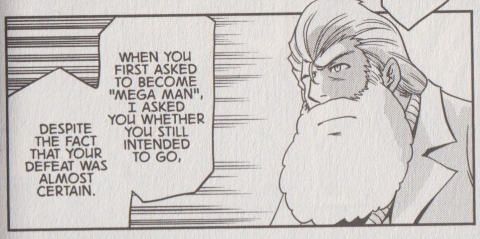
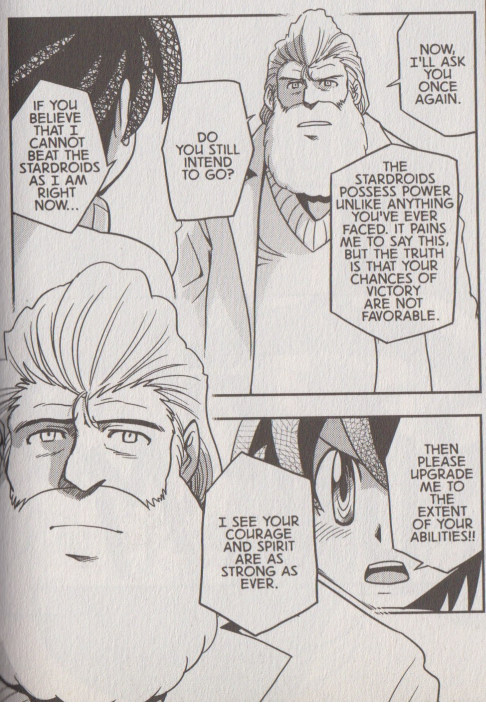
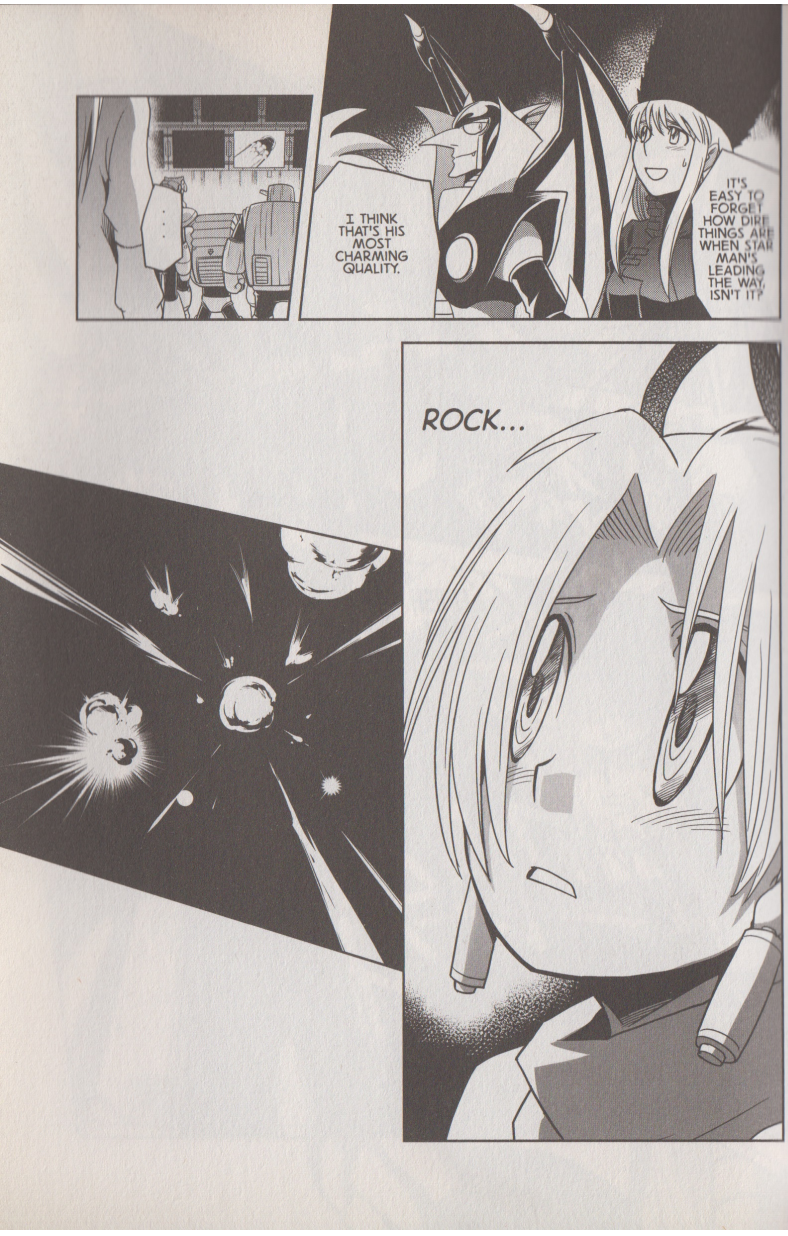
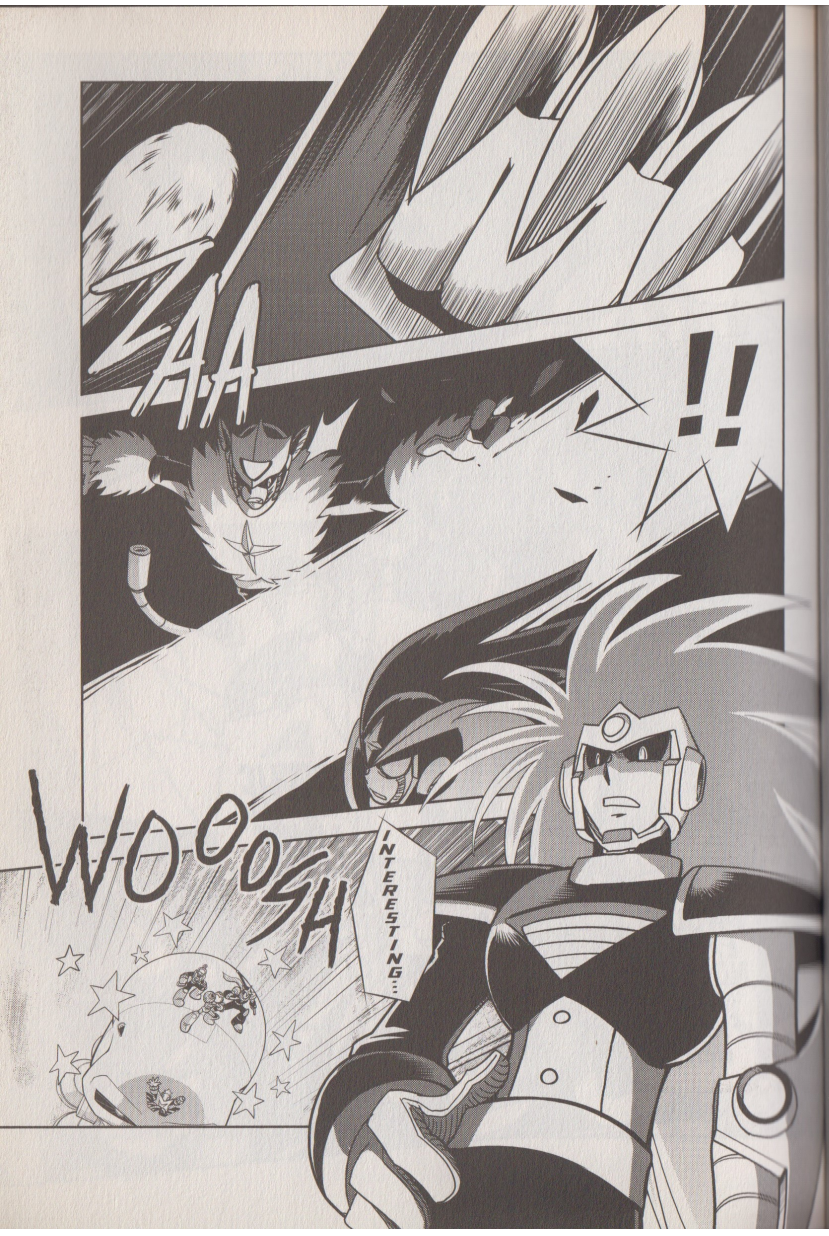

WHEN YOU FIRST ASKED TO BECOME "MEGA MAN", I ASKED YOU WHETHER YOU STILL INTENDED TO GO,
DESPITE THE FACT THAT YOUR DEFEAT WAS ALMOST CERTAIN.


NOW, I'LL ASK YOU ONCE AGAIN.
DO YOU STILL INTEND TO GO?
IF YOU BELIEVE THAT I CANNOT BEAT THE STARDROIDS AS I AM RIGHT NOW...
THE STARDROIDS POSSESS POWER UNLIKE ANYTHING YOU'VE EVER FACED. IT PAINS ME TO SAY THIS, BUT THE TRUTH IS THAT YOUR CHANCES OF VICTORY ARE NOT FAVORABLE.
THEN PLEASE UPGRADE ME TO THE EXTENT OF YOUR ABILITIES!!
I SEE YOUR COURAGE AND SPIRIT ARE AS STRONG AS EVER.


I THINK THAT'S HIS MOST CHARMING QUALITY.
IT'S EASY TO FORGET HOW DIRE THINGS ARE WHEN STAR MAN'S LEADING THE WAY, ISN'T IT?
ROCK...

THEY ARE NOW ENTERING THE STRATO-SPHERE!
THE SHIELD SEEMS TO BE HOLDING.
HEH HA HA HA HA HA


ZAA
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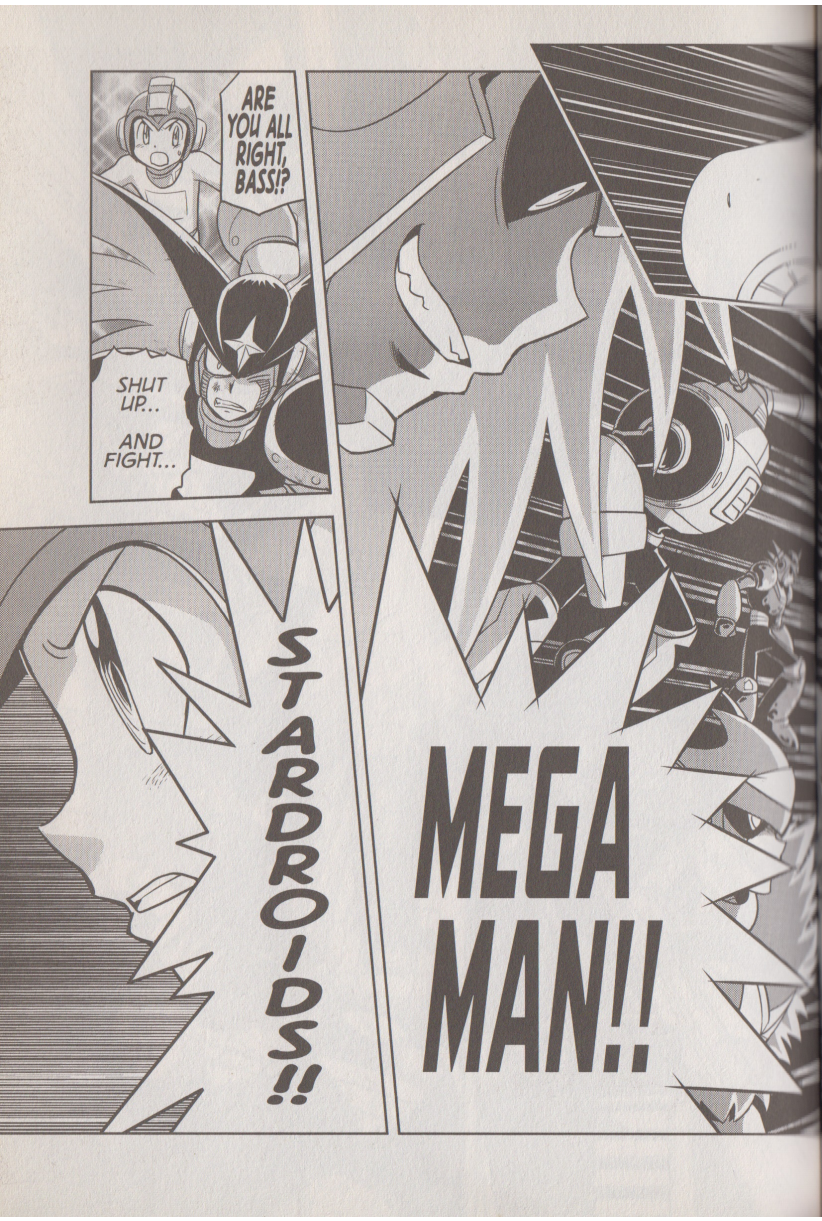
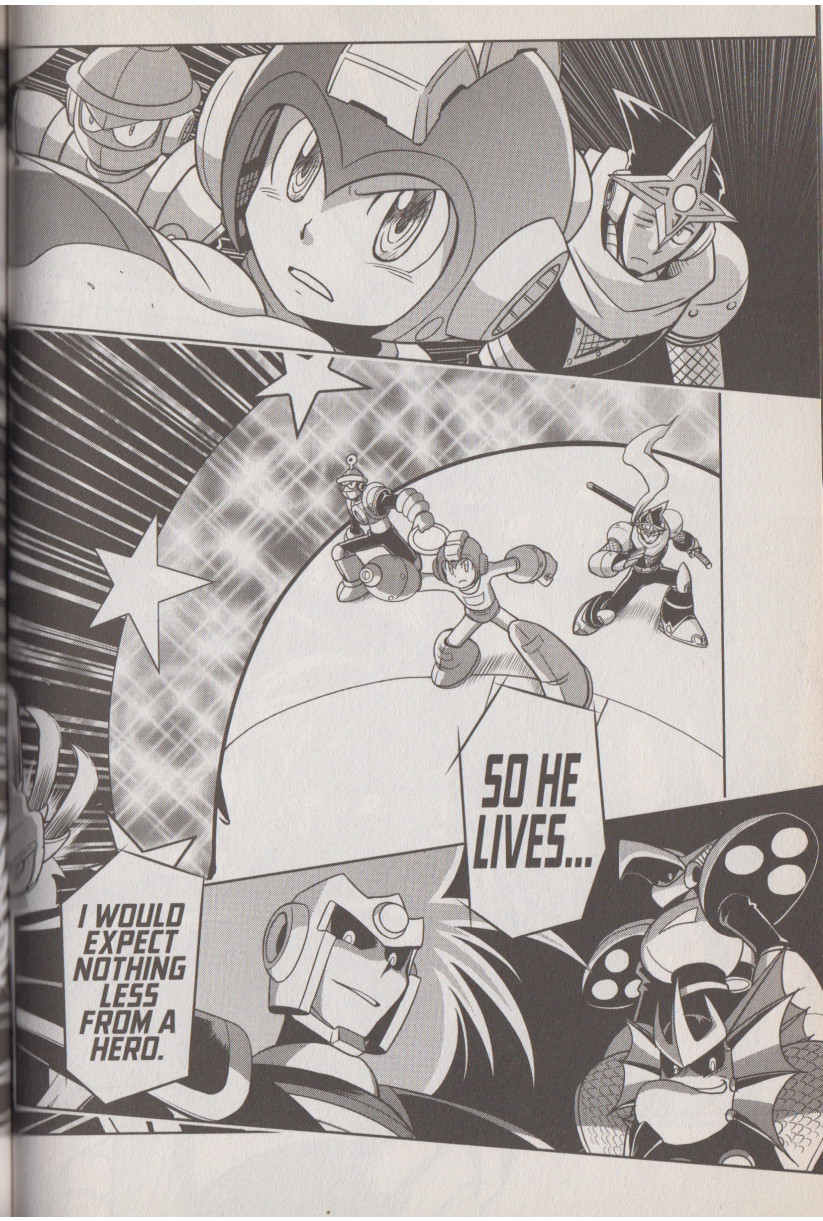
WOOSH
INTERESTING...

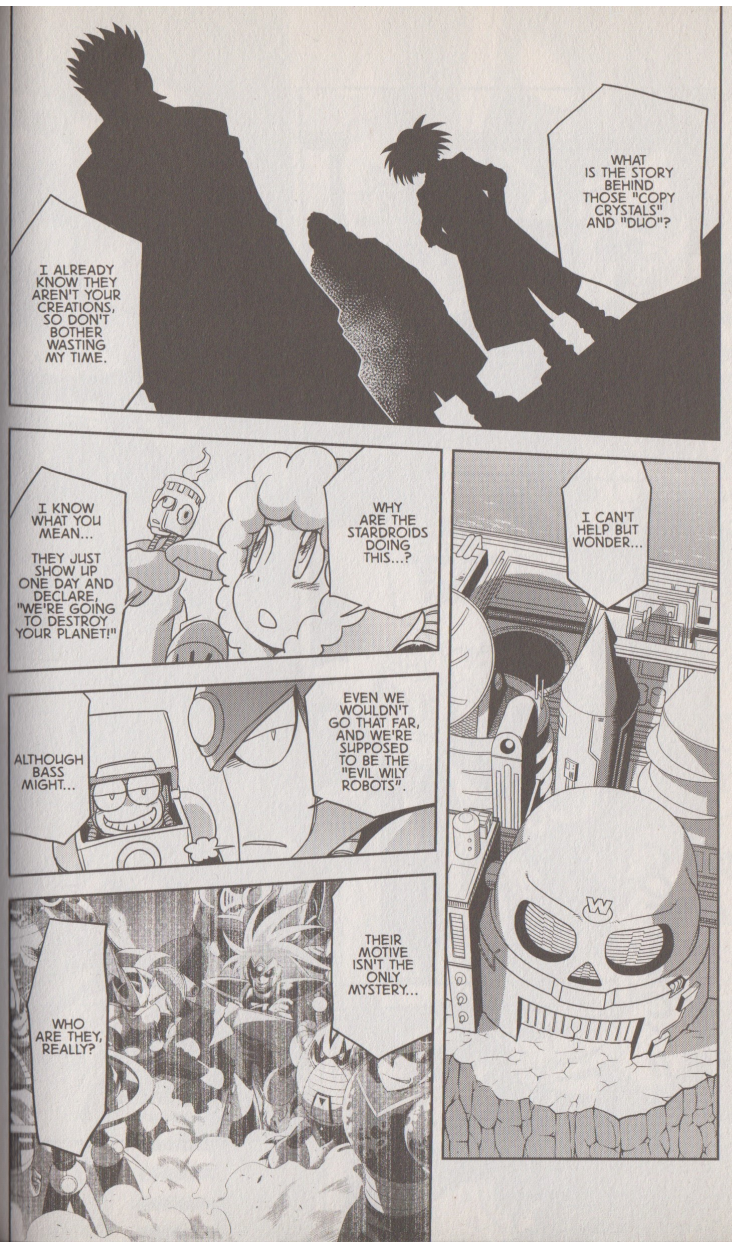
AHH
AHH
HE'S BEEN CONSUMED BY THE POWER...
HOW PATHETIC.
FINISH HIM, PLUTO!
SLASH


ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, BASS!?
SHUT UP...
AND FIGHT...
STARDROIDS!!
MEGA MAN!!

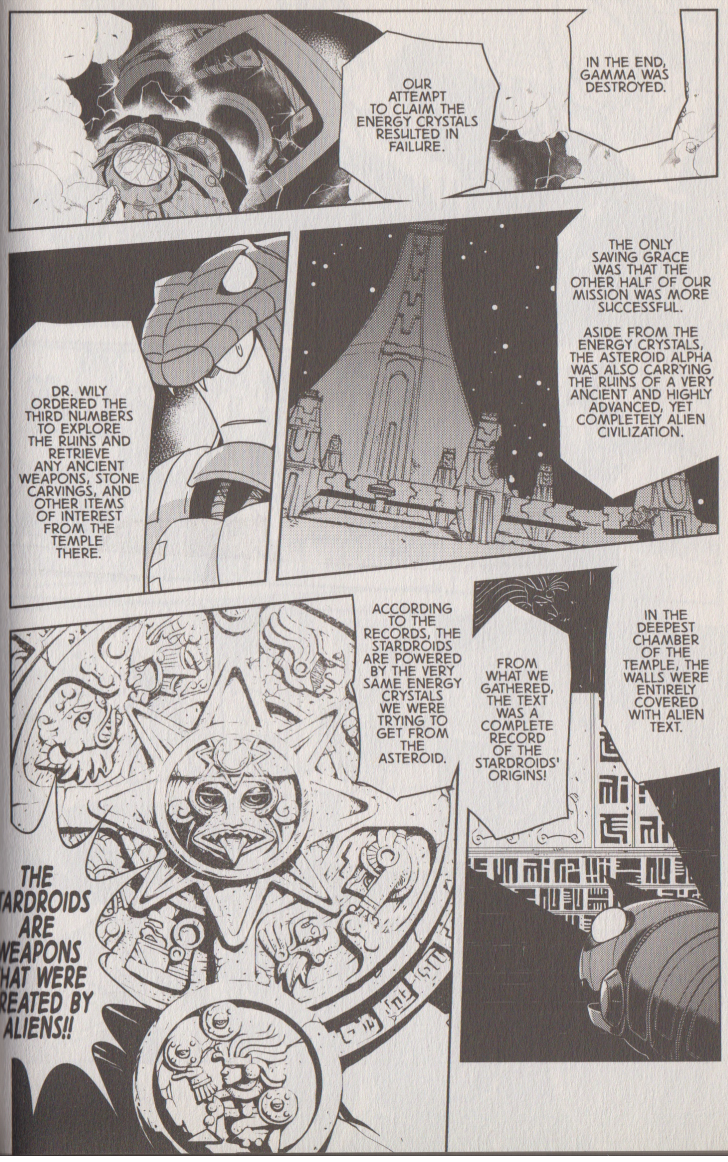

SO HE LIVES...
I WOULD EXPECT NOTHING LESS FROM A HERO.

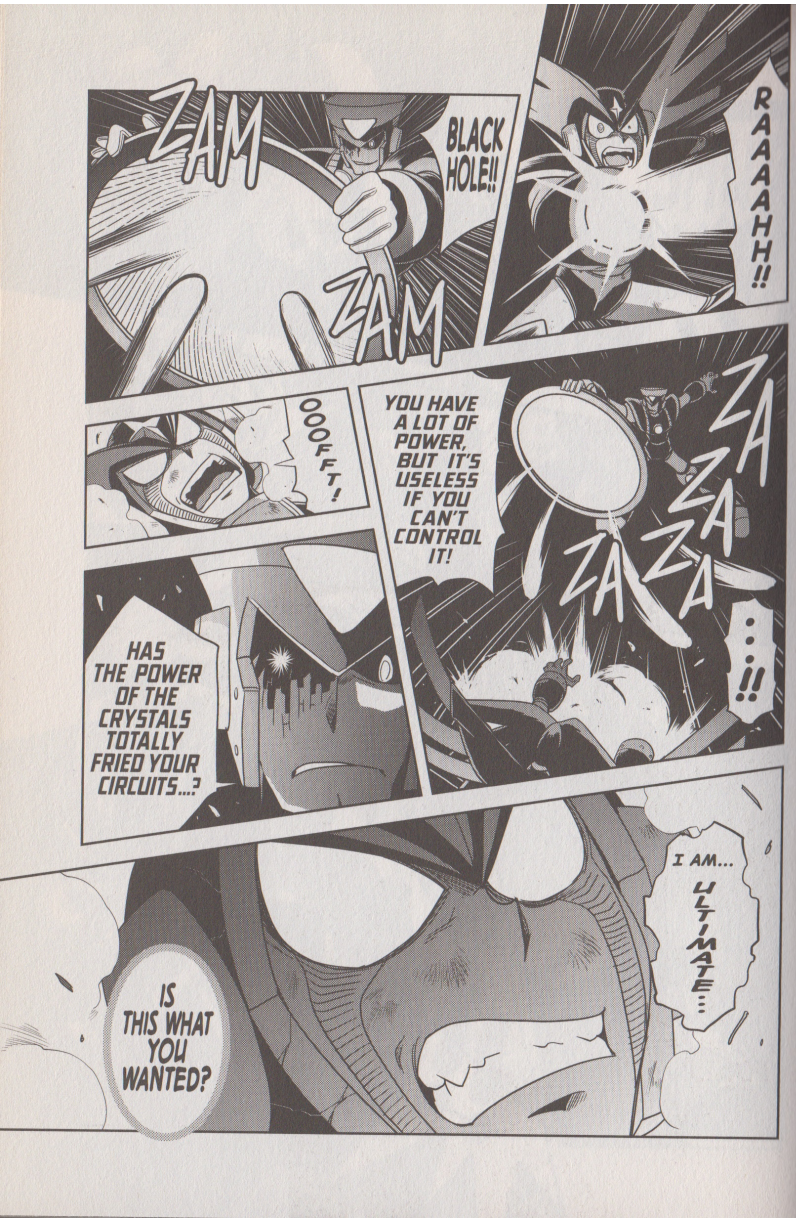
WE MAY BE LITTLE MORE THAN VAPORS IN AN HOUR.
DESPITE THE FACT THAT WE'VE DONE EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO STOP IT...
THERE'S ONLY AN HOUR LEFT BEFORE OUR TIME'S SUPPOSEDLY UP.
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO KNOW BEFORE I KISS THIS EXISTENCE GOODBYE.
COSSACK!!

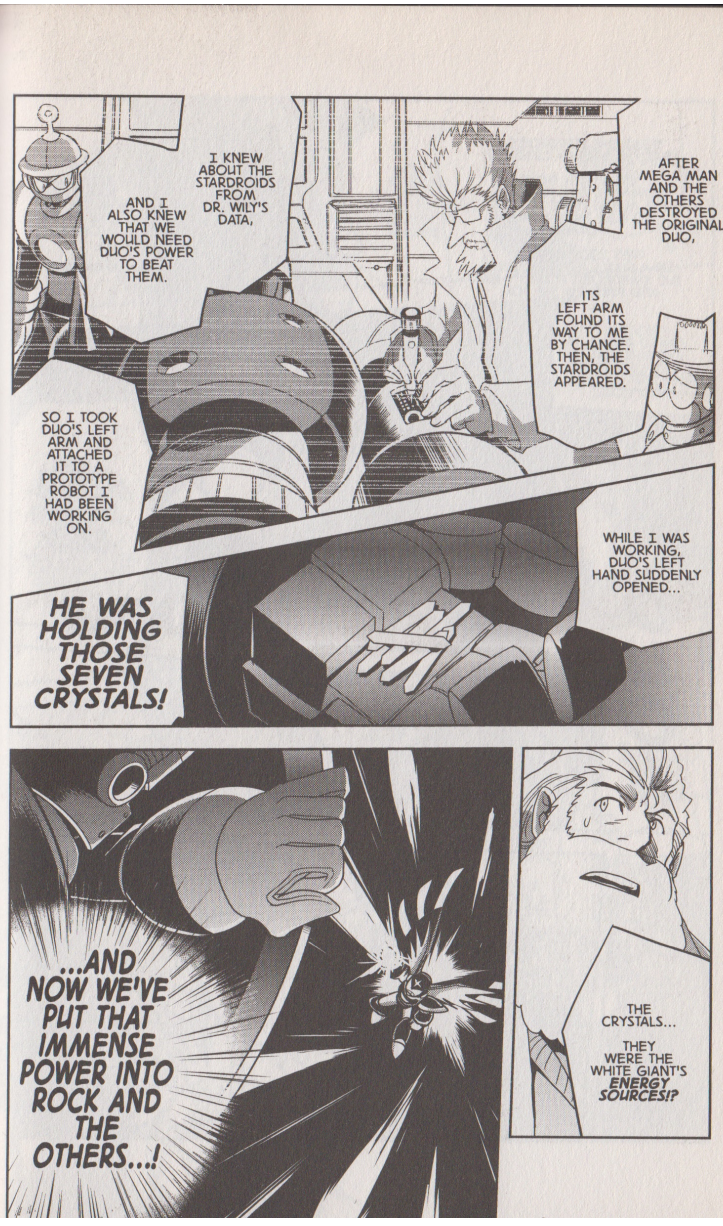
SHADE MAN!!
THE SIMPLE ANSWER IS...
THEY'RE SPACE ROBOTS.
I HAVE A PRETTY GOOD IDEA...
...KNOW WHO THE STARDROIDS ARE!?
DO YOU...
IT WAS PART OF DR. WILY'S THIRD PLOT FOR WORLD DOMINATION.
YOU ALL KNOW ABOUT THE BATTLE FOR THE HYPER ENERGY CRYSTALS, RIGHT?
!?
THOUGH I WOULD WAGER THE THIRD NUMBERS KNOW CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN I.


I ALREADY KNOW THEY AREN'T YOUR CREATIONS, SO DON'T BOTHER WASTING MY TIME.
WHAT IS THE STORY BEHIND THOSE "COPY CRYSTALS" AND "DUO"?
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN...
THEY JUST SHOW UP ONE DAY AND DECLARE, "WE'RE GOING TO DESTROY YOUR PLANET!"
WHY ARE THE STARDROIDS DOING THIS...?
I CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER...
ALTHOUGH BASS MIGHT...
EVEN WE WOULDN'T GO THAT FAR, AND WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE "EVIL WILY ROBOTS".
WHO ARE THEY, REALLY?
THEIR MOTIVE ISN'T THE ONLY MYSTERY...

"FEAR THE STARDROIDS... FEAR THE ENERGY CRYSTALS".
EVEN WITH THEIR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY, THE ALIENS WERE FORCED TO FLEE THEIR HOME PLANET.
THEY TOOK REFUGE ON A SMALL ASTEROID UNTIL THE STARDROIDS FOUND THEM AND FINISHED THE JOB.
WE FOUND A MESSAGE WRITTEN IN ONE OF THE TOMBS...
A WARNING...
ASIDE FROM THE STARDROIDS, THE TEXT IN THE RUINS ALSO SPOKE OF ANOTHER...
AS THE ALIEN RACE LAY DYING, A "WHITE GIANT" SUDDENLY APPEARED AND SEALED THE STARDROIDS AWAY WITHIN ITSELF.
THE WHITE GIANT'S NAME WAS...
DUO!!
THE DUO I BROUGHT INTO BATTLE IS THE "WHITE GIANT" MENTIONED IN THE RUINS...
THE VERY SAME WHITE GIANT THAT DESTROYED WILY CITY.
IT IS AS YOU SAY, DR. WILY.
QUITE A COINCI-DENCE, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?


IN THE END, GAMMA WAS DESTROYED.
OUR ATTEMPT TO CLAIM THE ENERGY CRYSTALS RESULTED IN FAILURE.
THE ONLY SAVING GRACE WAS THAT THE OTHER HALF OF OUR MISSION WAS MORE SUCCESSFUL.
ASIDE FROM THE ENERGY CRYSTALS, THE ASTEROID ALPHA WAS ALSO CARRYING THE RUINS OF A VERY ANCIENT AND HIGHLY ADVANCED, YET COMPLETELY ALIEN CIVILIZATION.
DR. WILY ORDERED THE THIRD NUMBERS TO EXPLORE THE RUINS AND RETRIEVE ANY ANCIENT WEAPONS, STONE CARVINGS, AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE TEMPLE THERE.
ACCORDING TO THE RECORDS, THE STARDROIDS ARE POWERED BY THE VERY SAME ENERGY CRYSTALS WE WERE TRYING TO GET FROM THE ASTEROID.
FROM WHAT WE GATHERED, THE TEXT WAS A COMPLETE RECORD OF THE STARDROIDS' ORIGINS!
IN THE DEEPEST CHAMBER OF THE TEMPLE, THE WALLS WERE ENTIRELY COVERED WITH ALIEN TEXT.
THE STARDROIDS ARE WEAPONS THAT WERE CREATED BY ALIENS!!

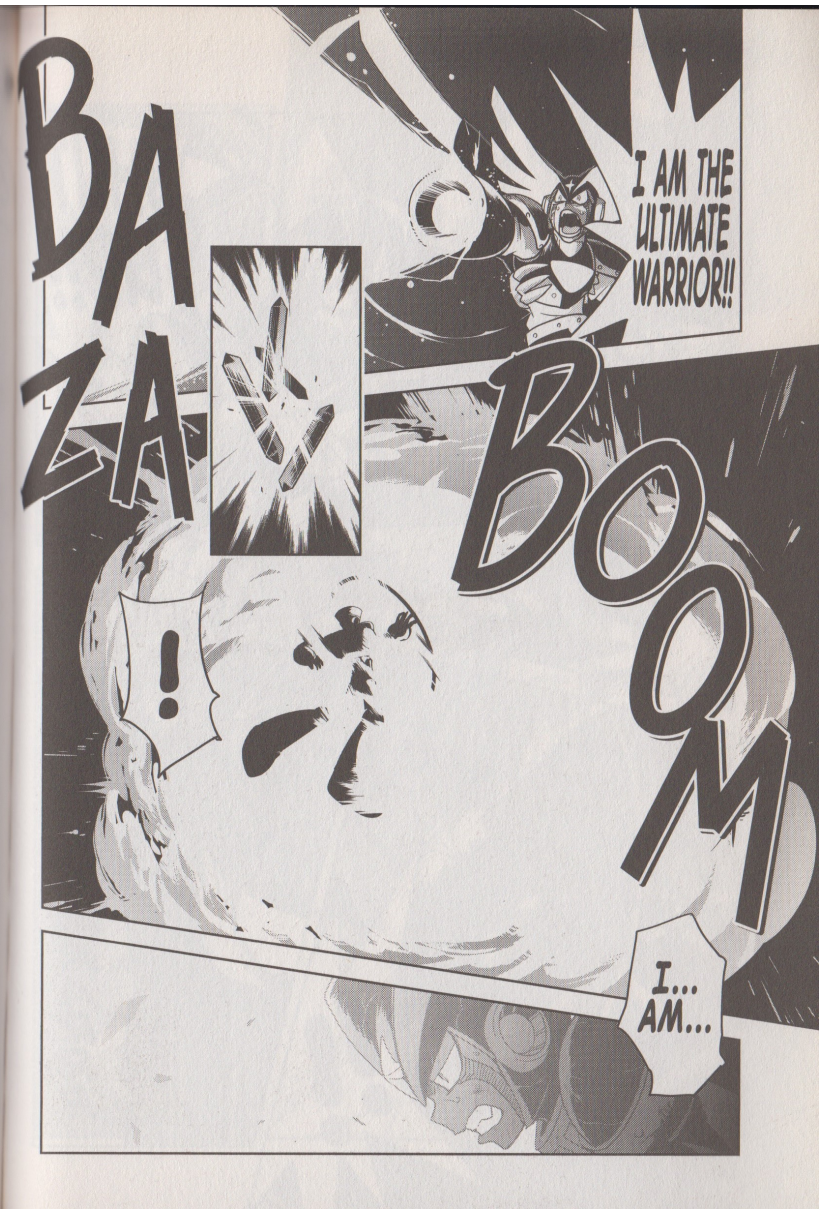

ZAM
ZAM
BLACK HOLE!!
RAAAAHH!!
OOOFFT!
YOU HAVE A LOT OF POWER, BUT IT'S USELESS IF YOU CAN'T CONTROL IT!
ZA ZA ZA ZA
...!!
HAS THE POWER OF THE CRYSTALS TOTALLY FRIED YOUR CIRCUITS...?
I AM... ULTIMATE...
IS THIS WHAT YOU WANTED?

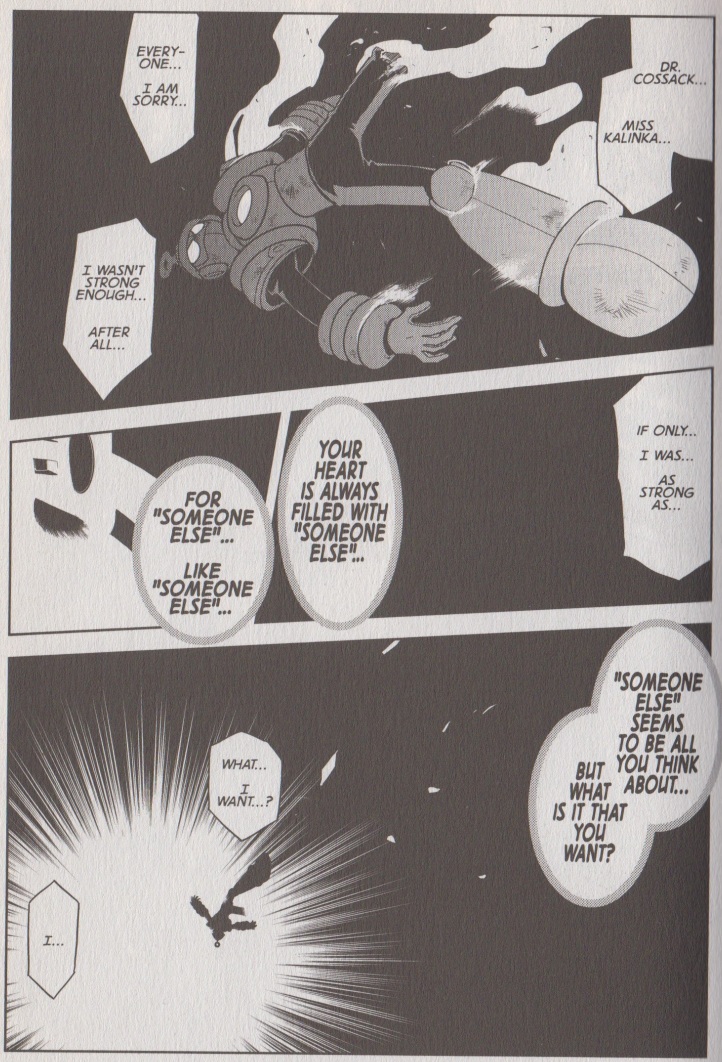

AND I ALSO KNEW THAT WE WOULD NEED DUO'S POWER TO BEAT THEM.
I KNEW ABOUT THE STARDROIDS FROM DR. WILY'S DATA,
AFTER MEGA MAN AND THE OTHERS DESTROYED THE ORIGINAL DUO,
ITS LEFT ARM FOUND ITS WAY TO ME BY CHANCE. THEN, THE STARDROIDS APPEARED.
SO I TOOK DUO'S LEFT ARM AND ATTACHED IT TO A PROTOTYPE ROBOT I HAD BEEN WORKING ON.
WHILE I WAS WORKING, DUO'S LEFT HAND SUDDENLY OPENED...
HE WAS HOLDING THOSE SEVEN CRYSTALS!
...AND NOW WE'VE PUT THAT IMMENSE POWER INTO ROCK AND THE OTHERS...!
THE CRYSTALS...
THEY WERE THE WHITE GIANT'S ENERGY SOURCES!?

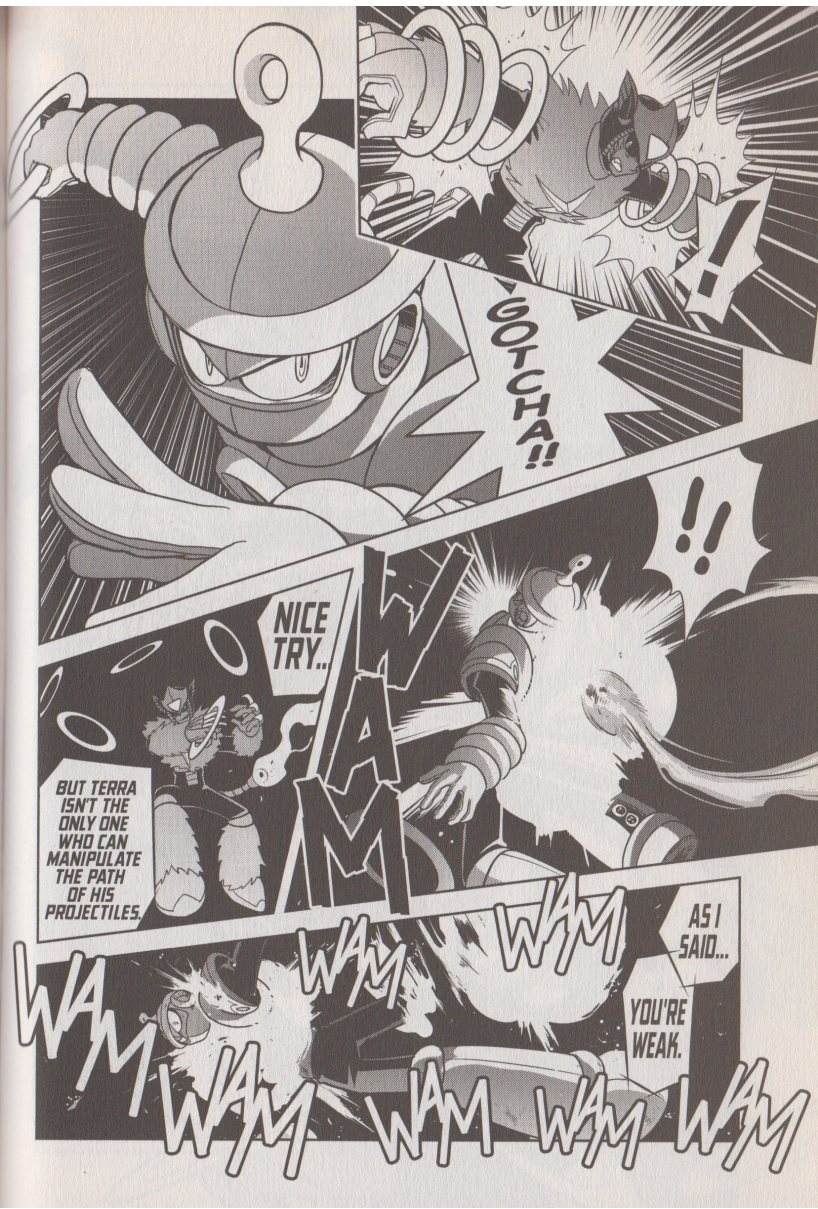
HUH!?
SHUT UP!!
YOU DON'T KNOW ME!!
RRRAAAAARR!!
!!

!!
WHY DID YOU WANT TO BE MORE POWERFUL IN THE FIRST PLACE?
HAVING THE POWER CONTROL YOU...
LOSING YOUR SENSES...
IS THIS WHAT THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR LOOKS LIKE?
MEGA...
RRGG...
M-M-M...
ZMZMM
TIME TO END THIS!!
MEGA MAN ALWAYS HAS HIS SIGHTS SET ON THE FUTURE... THAT IS WHAT HE FIGHTS FOR.
IT'S ALL ABOUT WHAT YOU SEE.
SHUT... UP...!

...ULTIMATE...
KLANG
TANG
KANG
YOU'RE PRETTY STUBBORN FOR A WEAKLING.
IT'S TRUE THAT I AM THE WEAKEST ROBOT HERE...
THIS IS ONE BATTLE THAT I SIMPLY ...
HOWEVER!!
...CANNOT LOSE!!

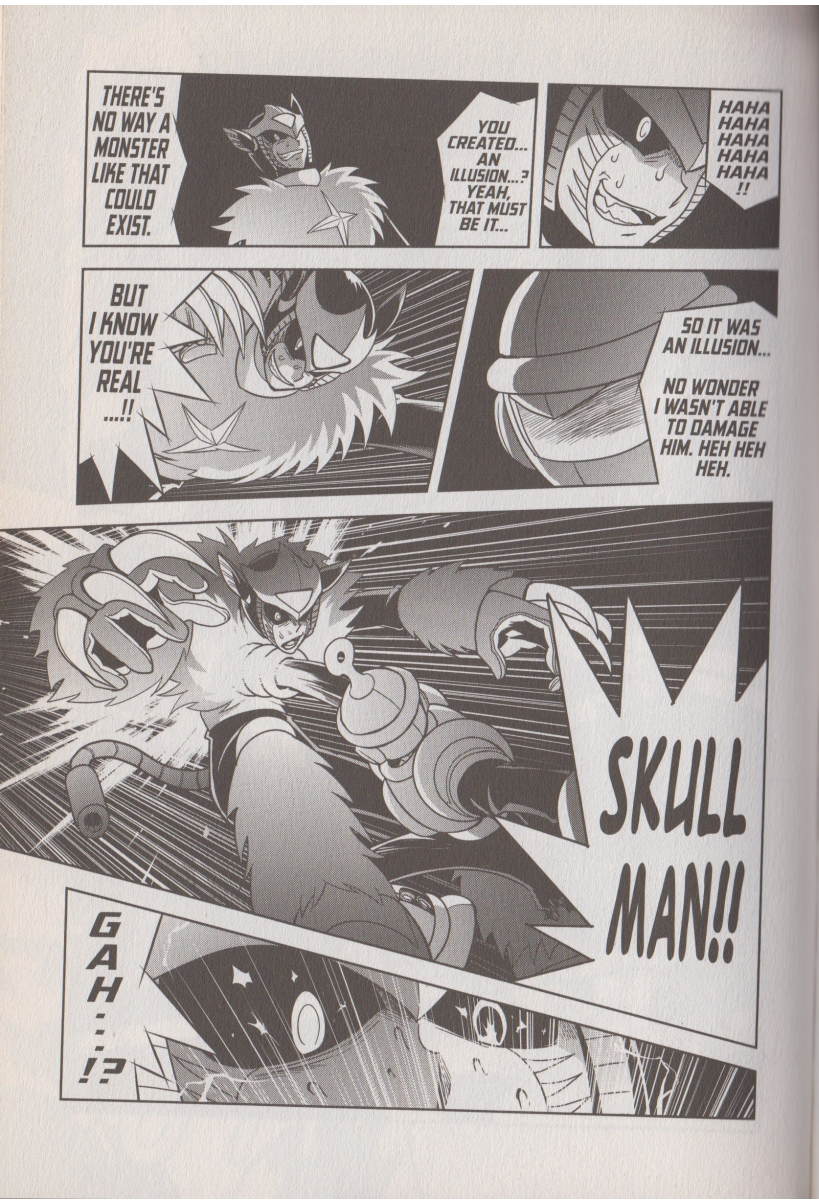

BA
ZA
BOOM
I AM THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR!!
!
I... AM...

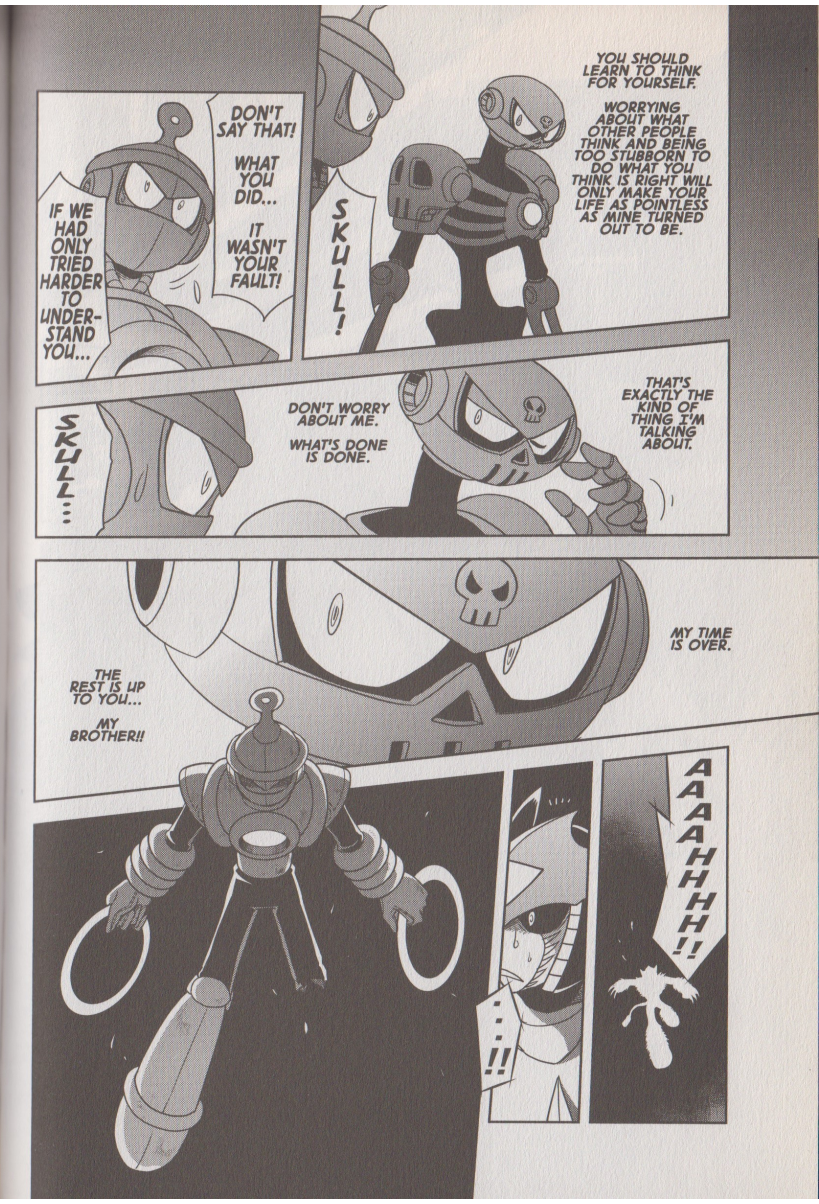

EVERY-ONE...
I AM SORRY...
DR. COSSACK...
MISS KALINKA...
I WASN'T STRONG ENOUGH...
AFTER ALL...
FOR "SOMEONE ELSE"...
LIKE "SOMEONE ELSE"...
YOUR HEART IS ALWAYS FILLED WITH "SOMEONE ELSE"...
IF ONLY...
I WAS...
AS STRONG AS...
WHAT...
I WANT...?
I...
BUT WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT?
"SOMEONE ELSE" SEEMS TO BE ALL YOU THINK ABOUT...

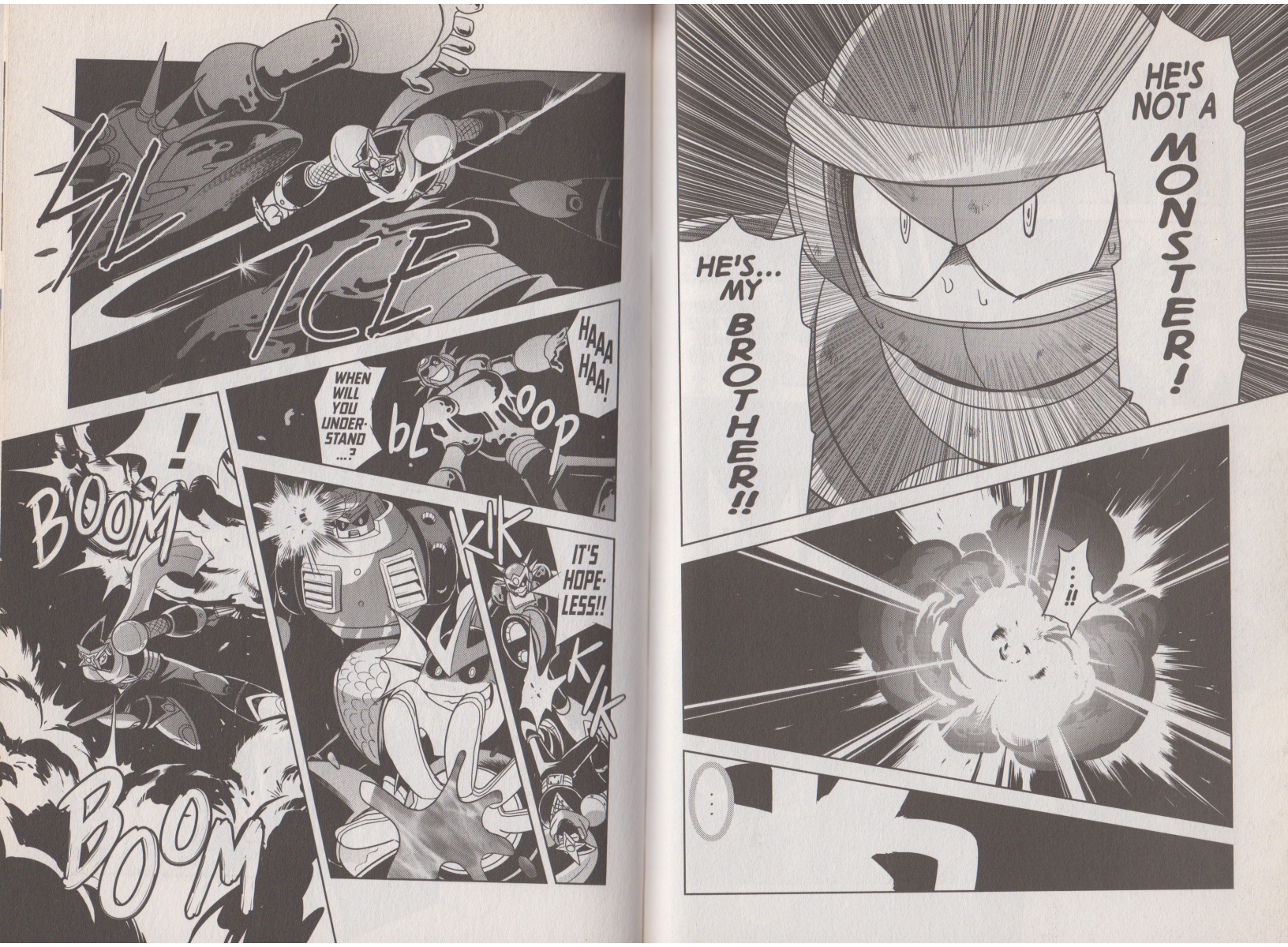

GOTCHA!!
!!
NICE TRY..
WAM
BUT TERRA ISN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN MANIPULATE THE PATH OF HIS PROJECTILES.
AS I SAID...
YOU'RE WEAK.
WAM
WAM
WAM
WAM
WAM
WAM
WAM

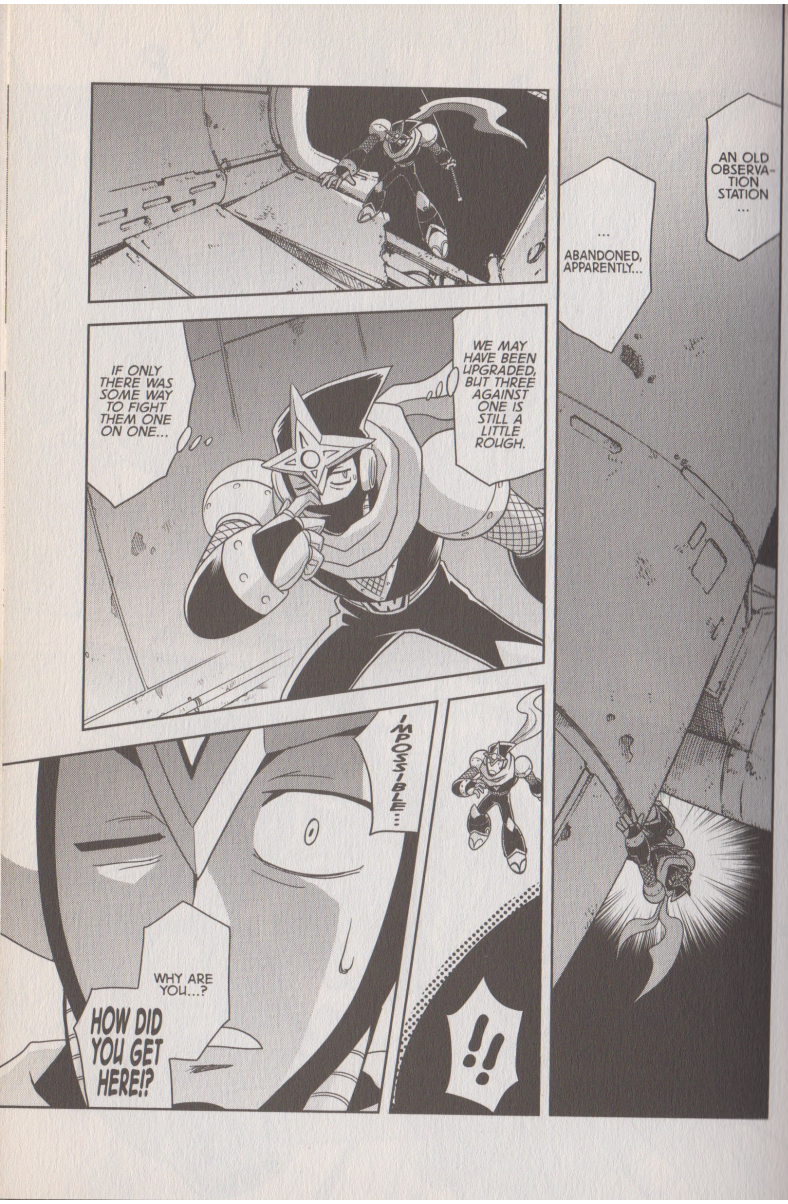
MY ATTACKS AREN'T ...
WHERE DID YOU COME FROM ...!?
EEEEK!
AAAHHH!!

HMPH... THAT WAS EASY.
!!
SHUDDER
WHA...?

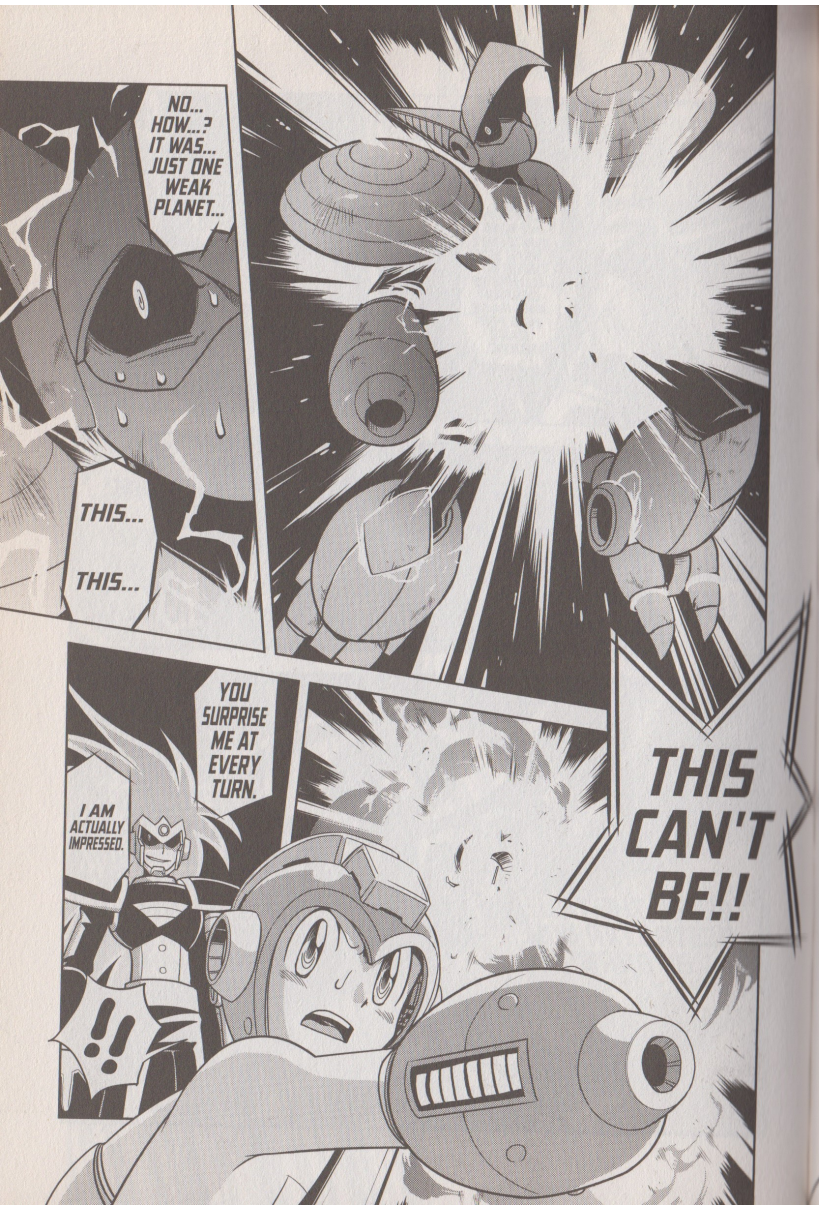

THERE'S NO WAY A MONSTER LIKE THAT COULD EXIST.
YOU CREATED... AN ILLUSION...? YEAH, THAT MUST BE IT...
HAHA HAHA HAHA HAHA HAHA !!
BUT I KNOW YOU'RE REAL ...!!
SO IT WAS AN ILLUSION...
NO WONDER I WASN'T ABLE TO DAMAGE HIM. HEH HEH HEH.
SKULL MAN!!
GAH...!?

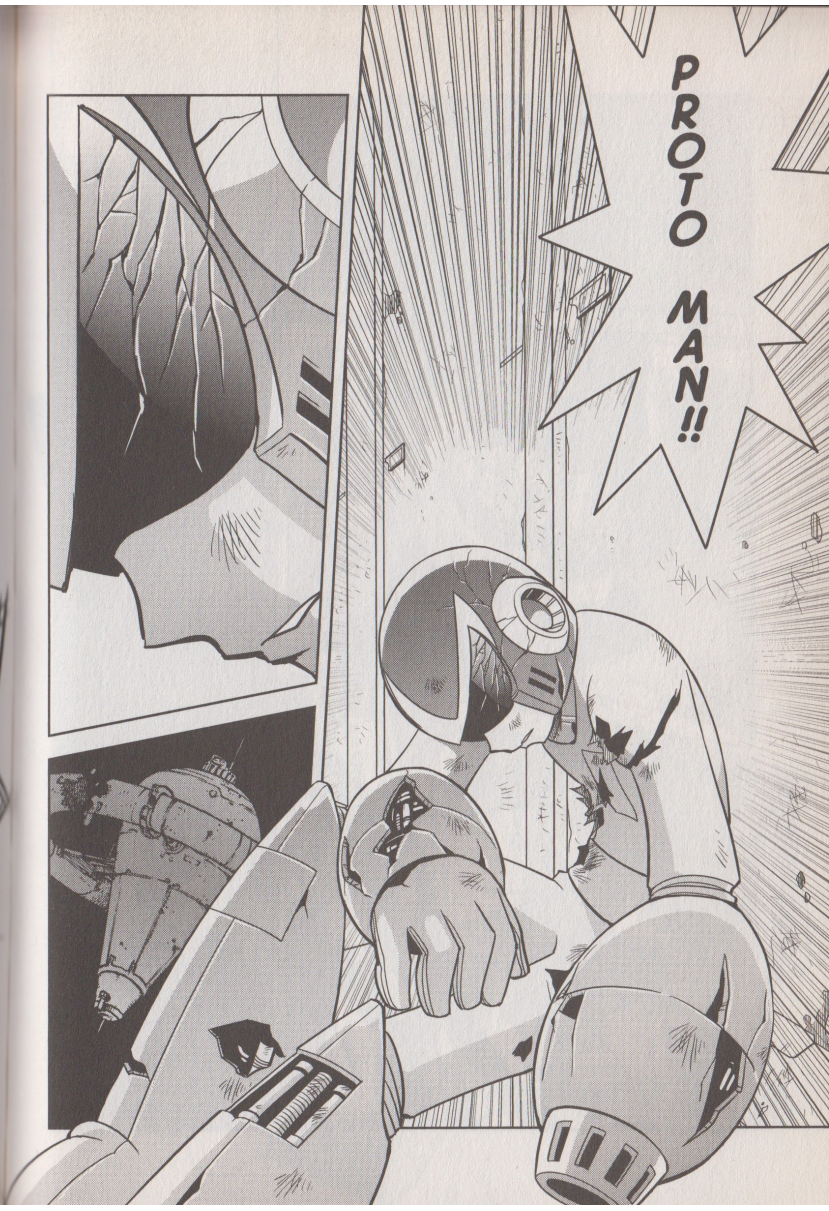

YOU SHOULD LEARN TO THINK FOR YOURSELF.
WORRYING ABOUT WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK AND BEING TOO STUBBORN TO DO WHAT YOU THINK IS RIGHT WILL ONLY MAKE YOUR LIFE AS POINTLESS AS MINE TURNED OUT TO BE.
SKULL!
DON'T SAY THAT! WHAT YOU DID... IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT!
IF WE HAD ONLY TRIED HARDER TO UNDER-STAND YOU...
THAT'S EXACTLY THE KIND OF THING I'M TALKING ABOUT.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. WHAT'S DONE IS DONE.
SKULL...
MY TIME IS OVER.
THE REST IS UP TO YOU... MY BROTHER!!
AAAAHHHH!!
...!!


HE'S NOT A MONSTER!
HE'S... MY BROTHER!!
...!!
...
SLICE
HAAA HAA!
WHEN WILL YOU UNDER-STAND ...?
bLOOP
IT'S HOPE-LESS!!
KIK
KIK
!
BOOM
BOOM

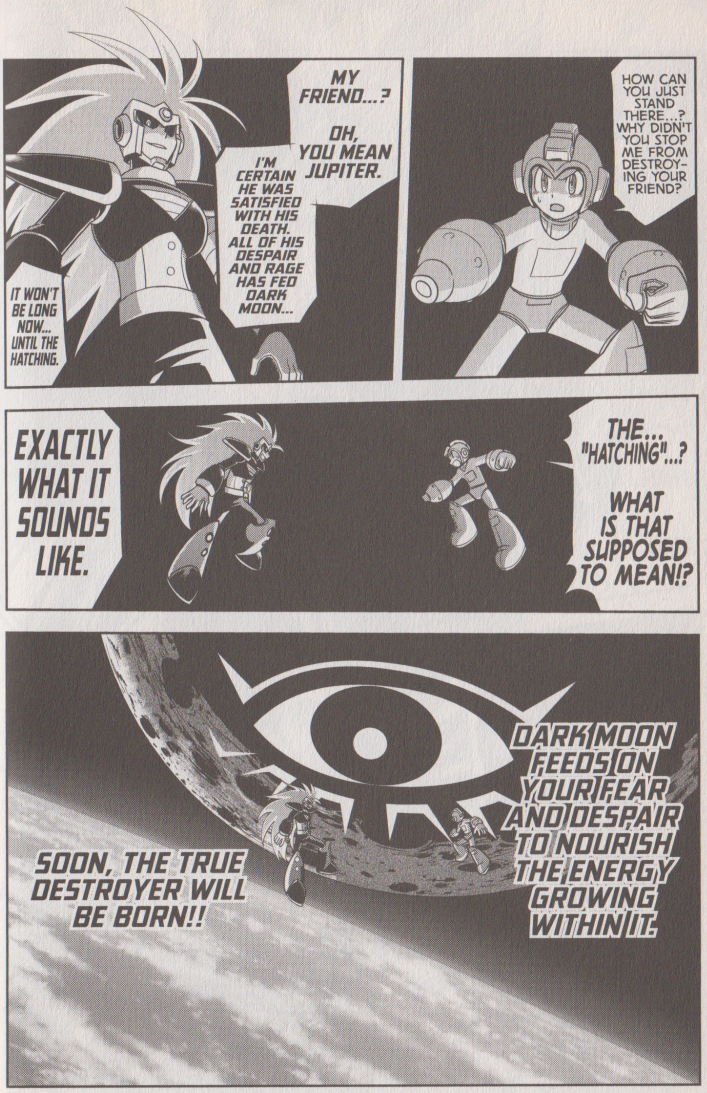

AN OLD OBSERVATION STATION ...
... ABANDONED, APPARENTLY...
WE MAY HAVE BEEN UPGRADED, BUT THREE AGAINST ONE IS STILL A LITTLE ROUGH.
IF ONLY THERE WAS SOME WAY TO FIGHT THEM ONE ON ONE...
IMPOSSIBLE...
!!
WHY ARE YOU...?
HOW DID YOU GET HERE!?

GRRR!!
AT THIS RATE, WE'LL...
IS THAT...?
WOOOOOM
WAIT...
WHAT...?
TADA
HE GOT AWAY!?
HMPH! WE FINALLY GOT HIM...


NO... HOW...? IT WAS... JUST ONE WEAK PLANET...
THIS...
THIS...
YOU SURPRISE ME AT EVERY TURN.
I AM ACTUALLY IMPRESSED.
!!
THIS CAN'T BE!!

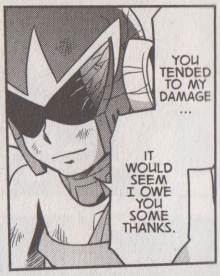

PROTO MAN!!

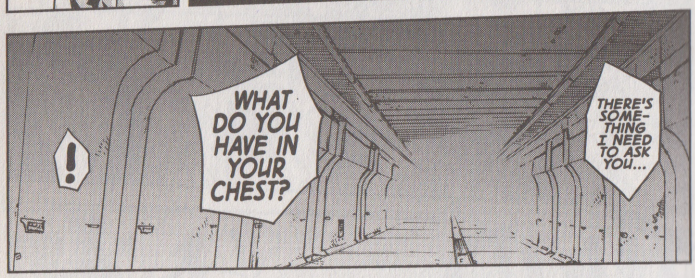
HEH HEH.
IT SEEMS YOU HAVE A LIMITLESS FOUNTAIN OF HOPE WITHIN YOU...
THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO SATIATE DARK MOON ONCE ALL OF YOUR HOPE TURNS TO DESPAIR!!
NO! I WON'T...
I WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN!!


IT WON'T BE LONG NOW... UNTIL THE HATCHING.
I'M CERTAIN HE WAS SATISFIED WITH HIS DEATH. ALL OF HIS DESPAIR AND RAGE HAS FED DARK MOON...
MY FRIEND...?
OH, YOU MEAN JUPITER.
HOW CAN YOU JUST STAND THERE...? WHY DIDN'T YOU STOP ME FROM DESTROYING YOUR FRIEND?
EXACTLY WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE.
THE... "HATCHING"...?
WHAT IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN!?
SOON, THE TRUE DESTROYER WILL BE BORN!!
DARK MOON FEEDS ON YOUR FEAR AND DESPAIR TO NOURISH THE ENERGY GROWING WITHIN IT.

HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH.
DON'T LAUGH AT ME!!

IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE TO ME WHETHER YOU LIVE OR DIE!!
HMPH! I'M NOT EVEN SURE WHY I DID.


YOU TENDED TO MY DAMAGE ...
IT WOULD SEEM I OWE YOU SOME THANKS.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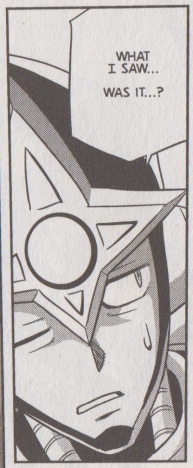
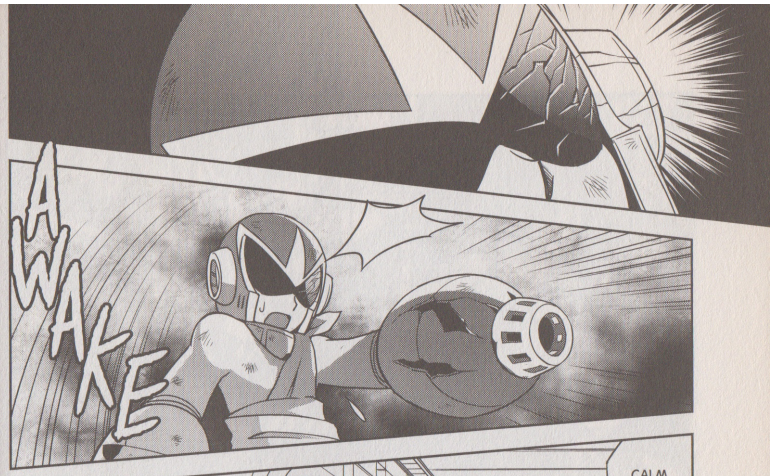
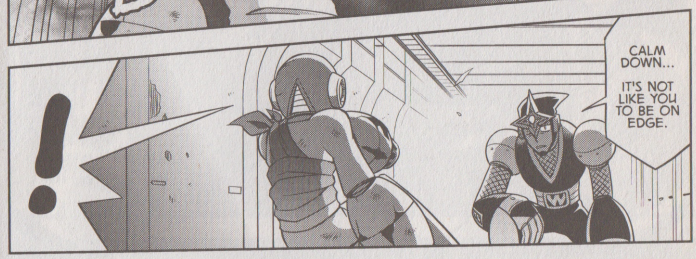
WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN YOUR CHEST?
THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO ASK YOU...

IT'S A HYPER ENERGY CRYSTAL.
YES... YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IT IS, DON'T YOU?


WHAT I SAW... WAS IT...?

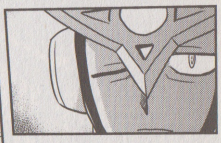
YOU SAW IT?
WHEN I WAS FIXING YOU UP, YES.


AWAKE


!
CALM DOWN... IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO BE ON EDGE.

!
MY WOUNDS ...

WHERE...?
WE'RE INSIDE THE STATION. I THOUGHT IT BEST TO KEEP YOU OUT OF SIGHT FOR NOW.



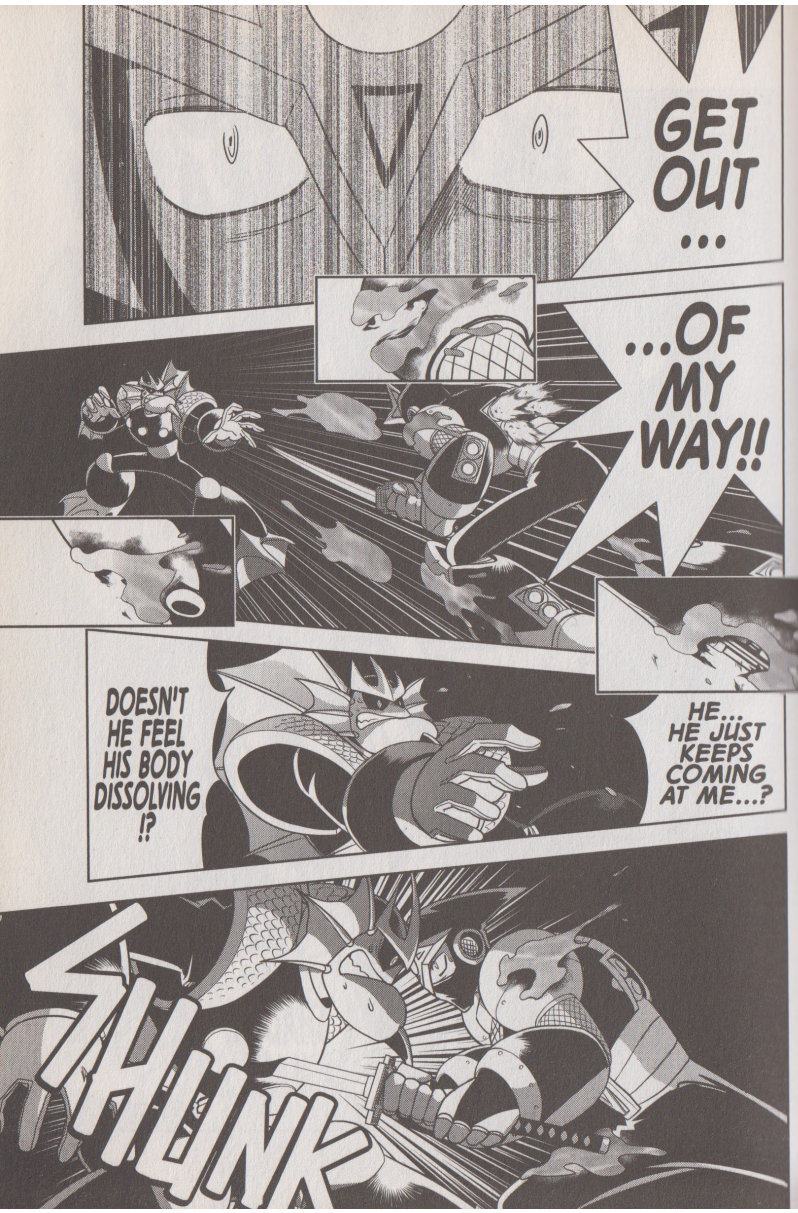
YOU'RE...
SHADOW MAN...

I'LL BE FINE. YOUR BINDINGS WILL KEEP ME TOGETHER LONG ENOUGH.
WAIT!! YOU'RE DAM-AGED...!
LET'S SPLIT UP...
WE'LL JUST BE A BIGGER TARGET IF WE STAY TOGETHER.
GRRRR!
THIS DAMAGE ISN'T FROM THE BATTLE...
DON'T BE FOOLISH! YOU'RE FALLING APART!
IT'S ALREADY DYING.
MY BODY HAS RUN OUT OF TIME.

...AND INSTALLED IN ME.
ACTUALLY, THE VERY FIRST CRYSTAL THAT THE EXPLORATION TEAM BROUGHT BACK TO EARTH WAS TAKEN BY DR. WILY...
WHY DO YOU HAVE AN ENERGY CRYSTAL!?
THEY WERE ALL LOST WITH OMEGA!!
WILY USED ME AS THE SUBJECT OF HIS EXPERIMENTS WHEN HE WAS GATHERING DATA...
...ON THE CRYSTAL.
AS FATE WOULD HAVE IT, I ENDED UP IN WILY'S HANDS SOME TIME BEFORE THAT.
THUD
!!
WHAT...? DR. WILY NEVER MENTIONED ANY OF THIS TO ME...
THOOM
THERE THEY ARE!!
STARDROIDS!!
THOOM

TO KEEP ON FIGHTING...!!
RAAAARR!!

I WAS A DEAD ROBOT WALKING.
I WAS A PROTOTYPE... MY POWER CORE WAS FLAWED TO BEGIN WITH.
AGAINST MY WISHES, I WAS EXPERIMENTED UPON...
FORCED TO CONTINUE LIVING... IF WHAT I WAS DOING CAN EVEN BE CALLED LIVING.
MY TIME WAS LIMITED... AND IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN UP A LONG TIME AGO. BUT WILY AND THE CRYSTAL GRANTED ME THE STRENGTH TO KEEP ON LIVING...
BUT NOW, I AM THANKFUL FOR WHAT WILY DID.

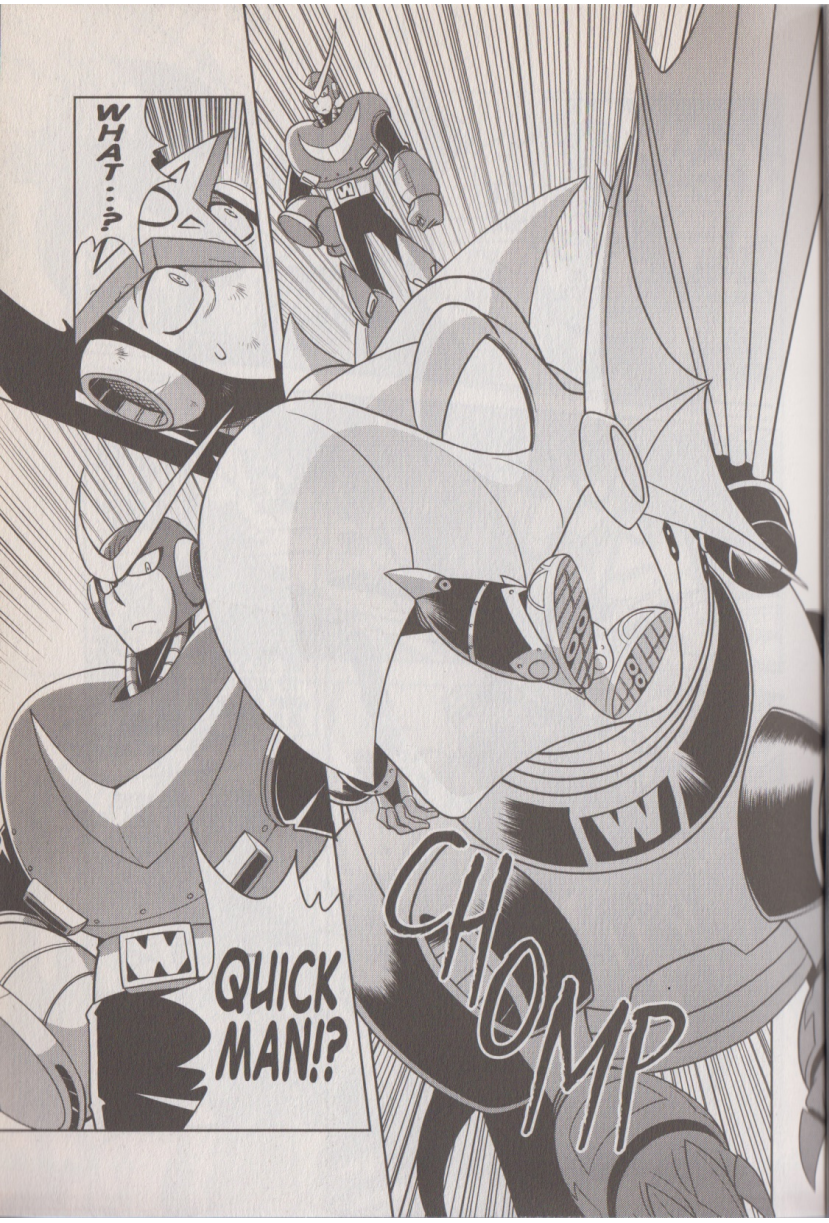

GET OUT ...
...OF MY WAY!!
DOESN'T HE FEEL HIS BODY DISSOLVING !?
HE... HE JUST KEEPS COMING AT ME...?
SHUNK

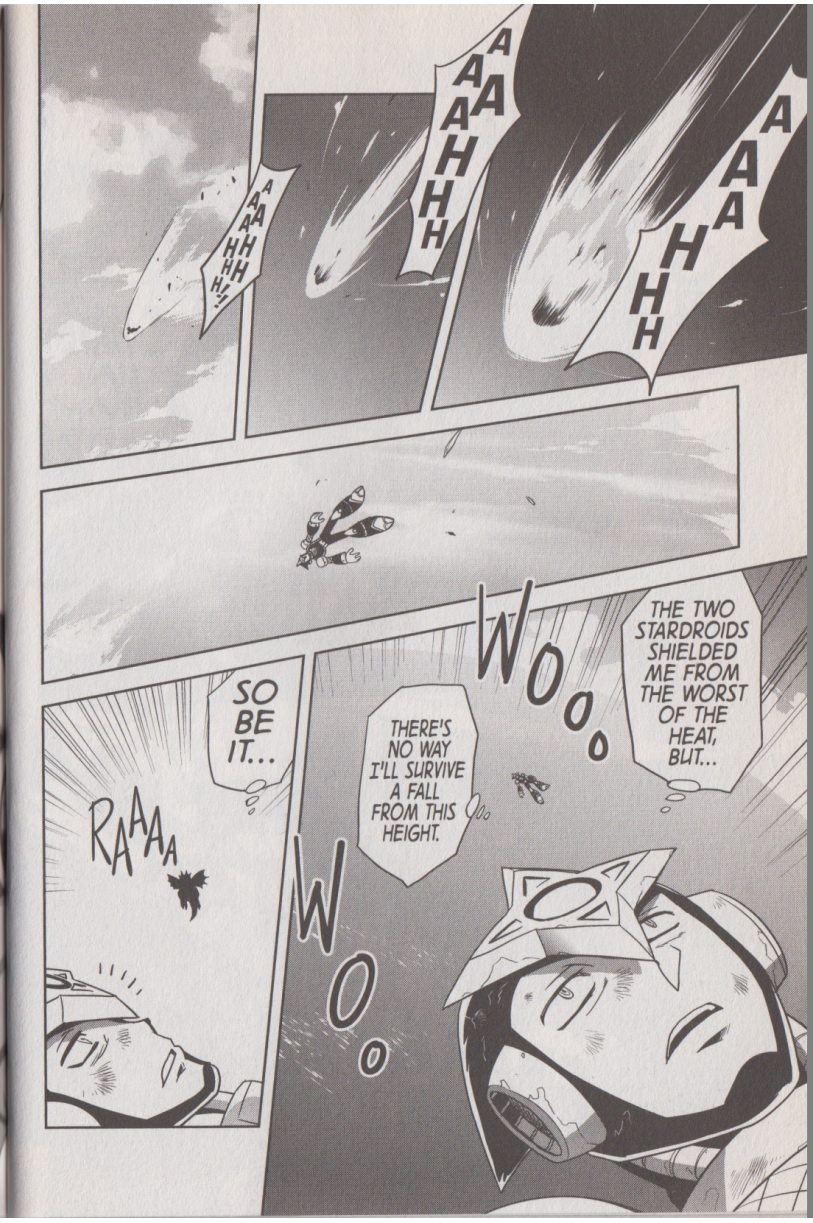
BA BA
...!
...!!
BA BA BA
KA F
I'LL SUCK IT OUT OF YOU!!
HAHAHAHA
GIVE ME YOUR ENERGY ...!
PROTO...
PAY ATTEN-TION!
YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO BE DIS-TRACTED !!
SPLOO
BLOOP
PROTO MAN!!

PROTO MAN!!
STAB
SHADOW MAN...!!
YOU'RE PATHETIC ...!
WHEN WILL YOU FIGURE OUT THAT CUTTING ME WON'T WORK!?
I SEE THAT...
BUT HOW DO YOU FARE AGAINST HEAT?
A NINJA MUST REMAIN CALM AND LOGICAL AT ALL TIMES...
AND AT TIMES LIKE NOW, MORE THAN ANY OTHER.
CAN YOU SURVIVE THE HEAT...
...OF THE WORLD YOU TRIED TO DESTROY!?
AGH!!
FWOOOOSH

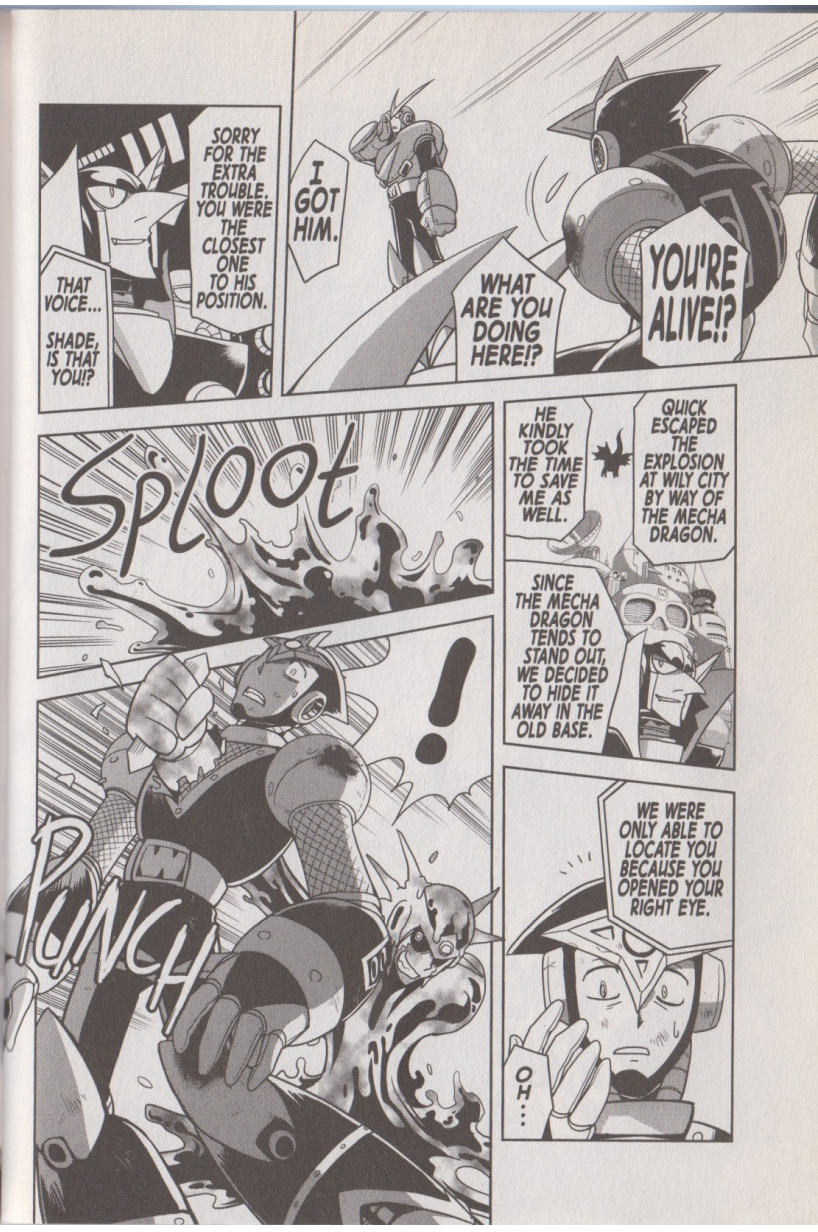
MY... FRIEND ...?
I HAVE NO...
...FRIENDS!!
FOOOSH
!! HH A AAA A AA

SHADOW...
SHADOW MAN...!!
COME ON, WHAT'S THE MATTER!?
DID YOU LOSE YOUR WILL TO FIGHT BY WATCHING YOUR FRIEND DIE?
BIWOM
!!


WHAT...!?
QUICK MAN!?
CHOMP


AAAHHH!!
AAAHHH
AAAHHH
SO BE IT...
RAAAA
THERE'S NO WAY I'LL SURVIVE A FALL FROM THIS HEIGHT.
WOOO
THE TWO STARDROIDS SHIELDED ME FROM THE WORST OF THE HEAT, BUT...
WOO

VASH
WHOA, EASY THERE!
I'LL DEAL WITH YOU SLOWLY, AFTER I'M DONE WITH YOUR FRIEND HERE.
YOU...
HOW...?
HAHAHA!!
IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN THAT TO DEFEAT ME!!
DISAP-POINTED?
I AM THE GREAT MERCURY!
SLICE
SHUTTER
I... DIDN'T EVEN SEE HIM ATTACK ...
SLOOP
FOOL... DID YOU FORGET THAT I CAN REGENERATE ...?
SLUMP
!?
WHAT...!?

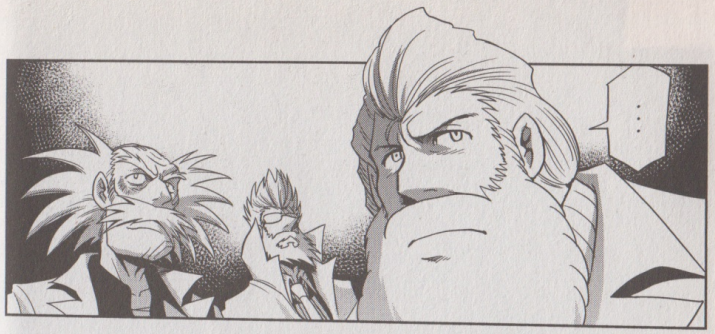

SORRY FOR THE EXTRA TROUBLE. YOU WERE THE CLOSEST ONE TO HIS POSITION.
THAT VOICE... SHADE, IS THAT YOU!?
I GOT HIM.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?
YOU'RE ALIVE!?
Sploot
PUNCH
!
HE KINDLY TOOK THE TIME TO SAVE ME AS WELL.
QUICK ESCAPED THE EXPLOSION AT WILY CITY BY WAY OF THE MECHA DRAGON.
SINCE THE MECHA DRAGON TENDS TO STAND OUT, WE DECIDED TO HIDE IT AWAY IN THE OLD BASE.
WE WERE ONLY ABLE TO LOCATE YOU BECAUSE YOU OPENED YOUR RIGHT EYE.
OH...

WHY...
WAS I...
...ALWAYS FIGHTING...?

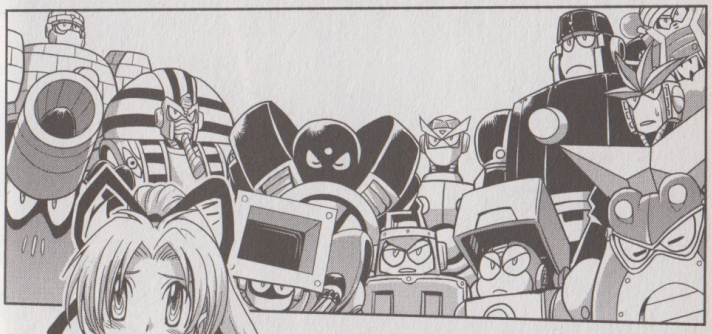
!
GRIN
FOOMP
VA
BOOM
I...

LI...
GHT...

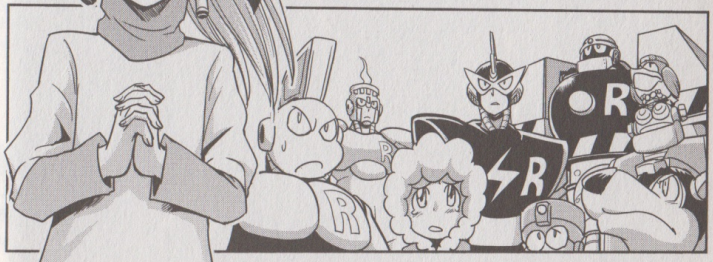
I...
WANTED TO...
PROTECT...
YES...
THAT'S IT...
...THE LIGHT...
WHAT WAS IT...
THAT I WANTED...
...TO PROTECT ...?



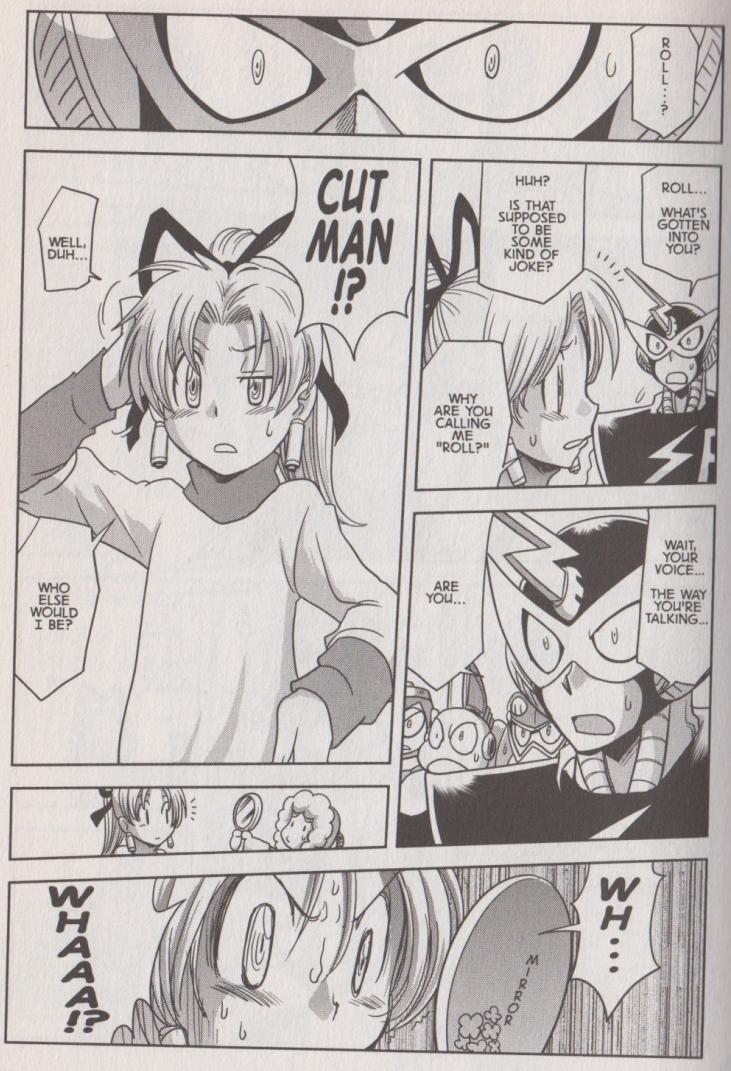
Time Remaining Until

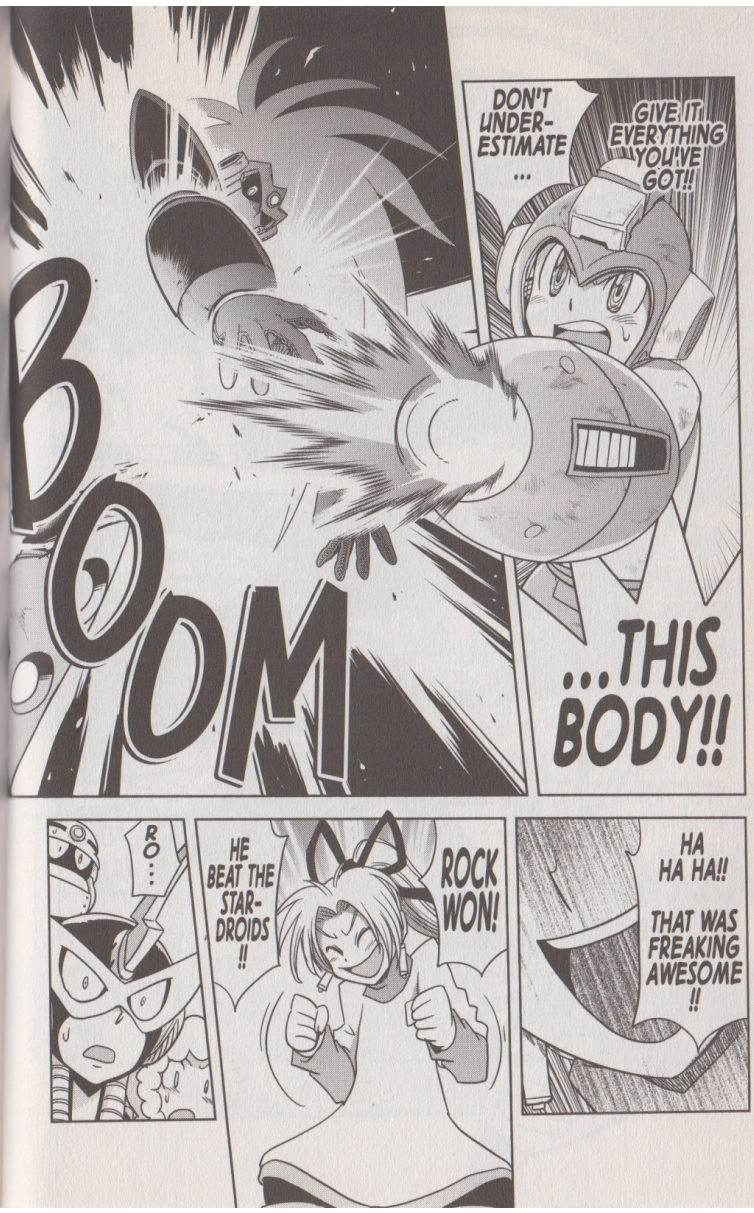


Earth's Destruction

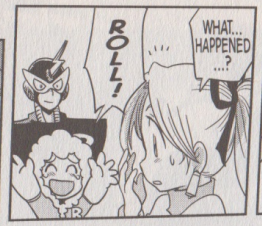


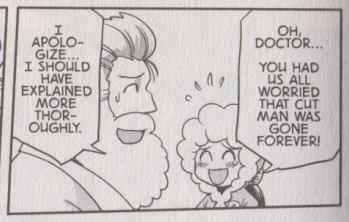
One Minute

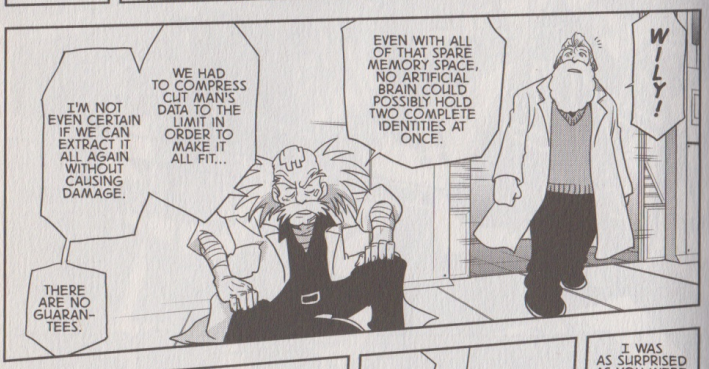

ROLL...?
CUT MAN!?
WELL, DUH...
WHO ELSE WOULD I BE?
HUH?
IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE SOME KIND OF JOKE?
ROLL...
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?
WHY ARE YOU CALLING ME "ROLL?"
WAIT, YOUR VOICE...
THE WAY YOU'RE TALKING...
ARE YOU...
WHAAA!?
WH...
MRRR


BOOM
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE ...
GIVE IT EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT!!
...THIS BODY!!
RO...
HE BEAT THE STAR-DROIDS !!
ROCK WON!
HA HA HA!!
THAT WAS FREAKING AWESOME !!

EXPLAIN MORE THOR-OUGHLY ...?


ROLL!
WHAT... HAPPENED ...?

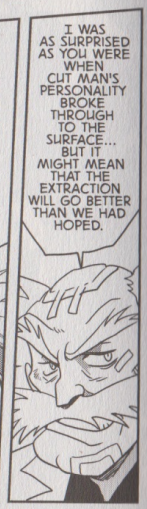

I APOLO-GIZE... I SHOULD HAVE EXPLAINED MORE THOR-OUGHLY.
OH, DOCTOR... YOU HAD US ALL WORRIED THAT CUT MAN WAS GONE FOREVER!

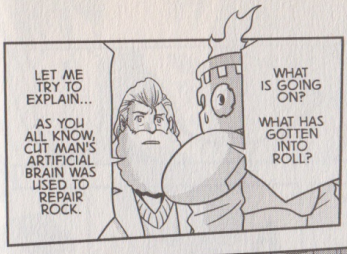

I'M NOT EVEN CERTAIN IF WE CAN EXTRACT IT ALL AGAIN WITHOUT CAUSING DAMAGE.
WE HAD TO COMPRESS CUT MAN'S DATA TO THE LIMIT IN ORDER TO MAKE IT ALL FIT...
EVEN WITH ALL OF THAT SPARE MEMORY SPACE, NO ARTIFICIAL BRAIN COULD POSSIBLY HOLD TWO COMPLETE IDENTITIES AT ONCE.
WILY!
THERE ARE NO GUARAN-TEES.

HMPH...
RIGHT.

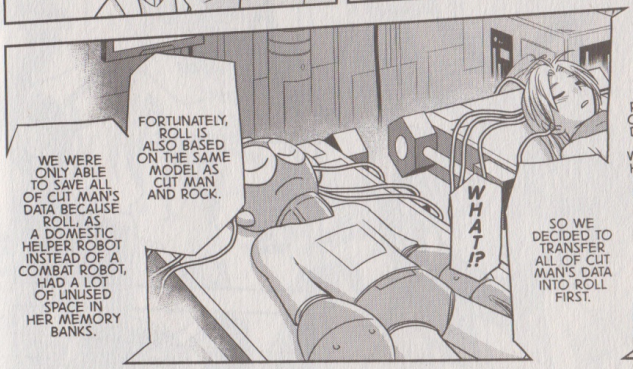
WITH THE TWO OF US WORKING TOGETHER, THERE'S NO ROBOT THAT WE CANNOT FIX... RIGHT?

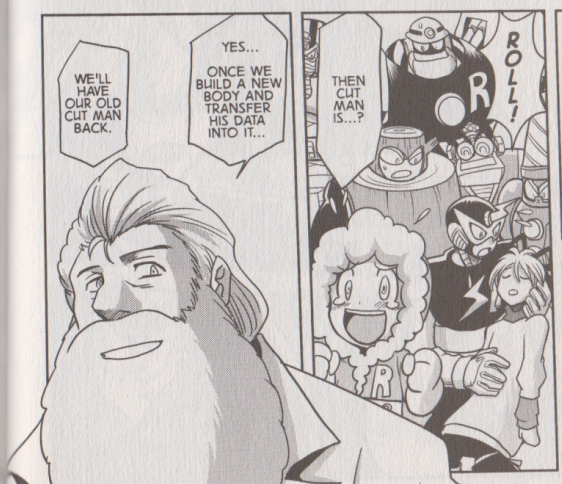
A GAMBLE? FAR FROM IT.
I'M STILL SURPRISED YOU SUGGESTED THIS METHOD... IT WAS QUITE A GAMBLE.

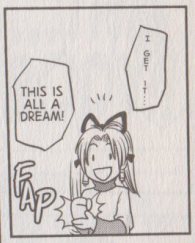

I WAS AS SURPRISED AS YOU WERE WHEN CUT MAN'S PERSONALITY BROKE THROUGH TO THE SURFACE... BUT IT MIGHT MEAN THAT THE EXTRACTION WILL GO BETTER THAN WE HAD HOPED.


LET ME TRY TO EXPLAIN... AS YOU ALL KNOW, CUT MAN'S ARTIFICIAL BRAIN WAS USED TO REPAIR ROCK.
WHAT IS GOING ON? WHAT HAS GOTTEN INTO ROLL?

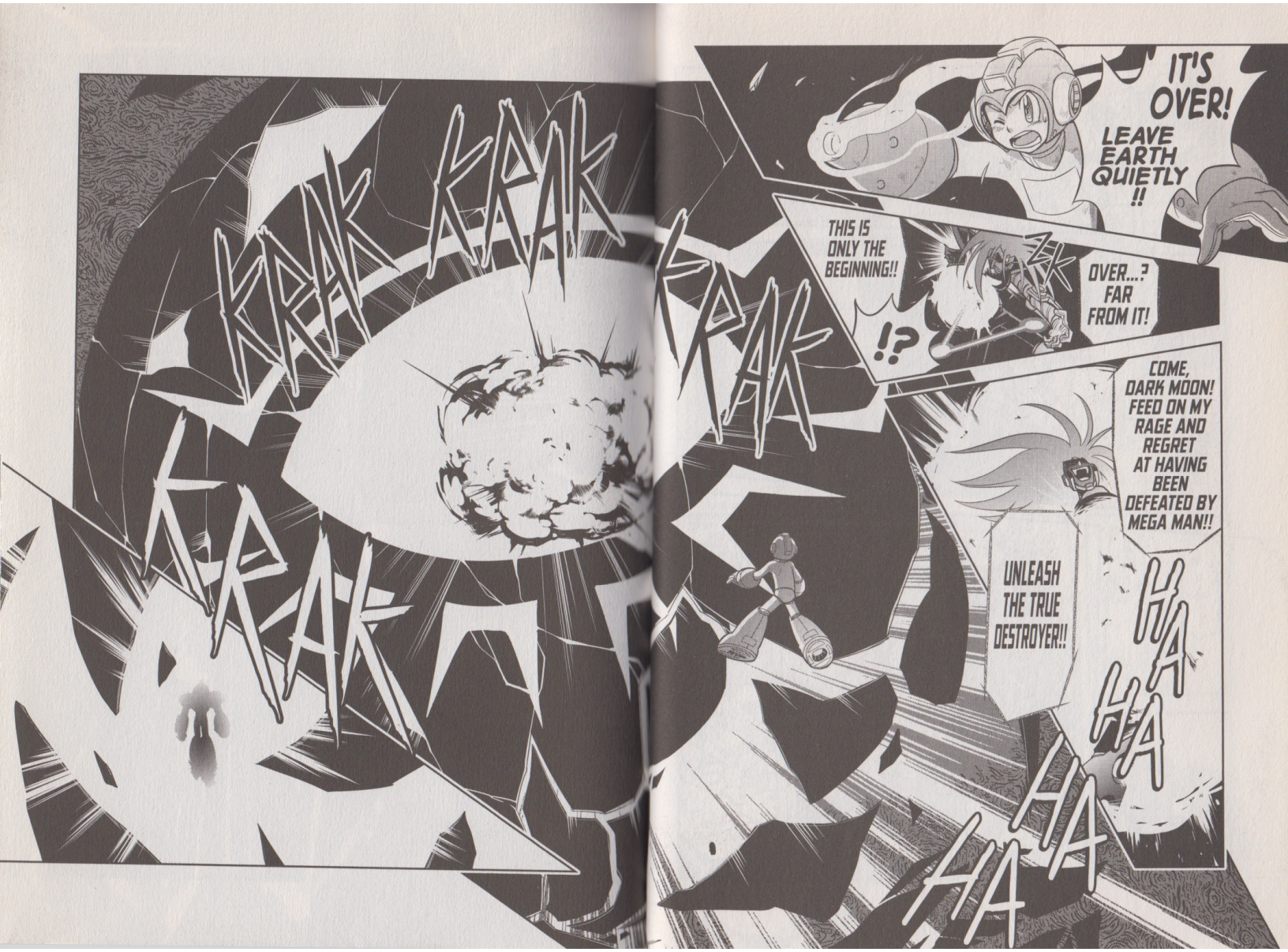
DR. LIGHT!
WELL... THIS IS MOST UNEX-PECTED...

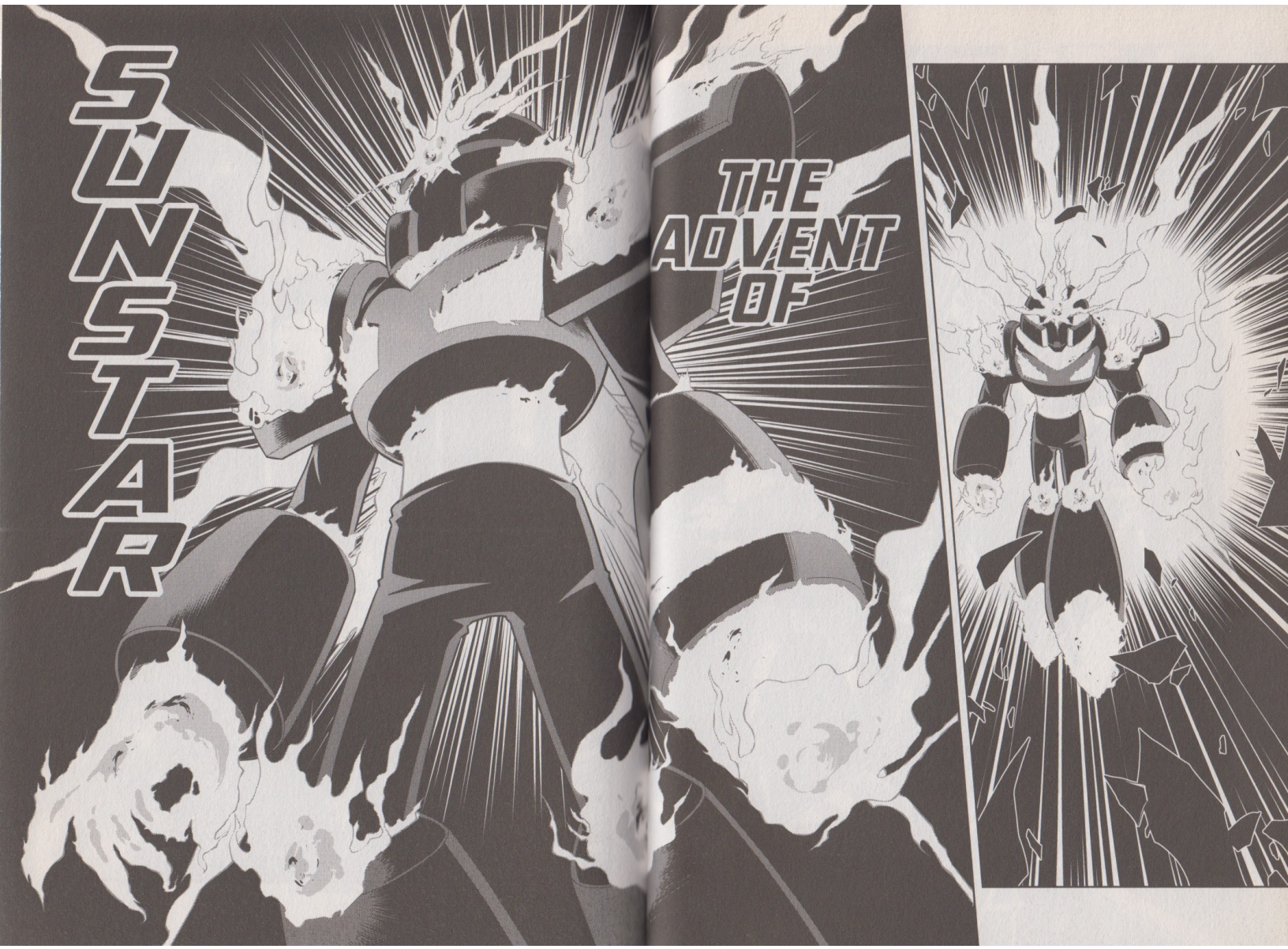

WE WERE ONLY ABLE TO SAVE ALL OF CUT MAN'S DATA BECAUSE ROLL, AS A DOMESTIC HELPER ROBOT INSTEAD OF A COMBAT ROBOT, HAD A LOT OF UNUSED SPACE IN HER MEMORY BANKS.
FORTUNATELY, ROLL IS ALSO BASED ON THE SAME MODEL AS CUT MAN AND ROCK.
WHAT!?
SO WE DECIDED TO TRANSFER ALL OF CUT MAN'S DATA INTO ROLL FIRST.
IF WE HAD SIMPLY REPLACED CUT MAN'S DATA WITH ROCK'S, WE WOULD HAVE LOST CUT MAN FOREVER.


WE'LL HAVE OUR OLD CUT MAN BACK.
YES... ONCE WE BUILD A NEW BODY AND TRANSFER HIS DATA INTO IT...
THEN CUT MAN IS...?
ROLL!


I GET IT...
THIS IS ALL A DREAM!
FAP

Faint


KRAK KRAK
KRAK
KRAK
IT'S OVER!
LEAVE EARTH QUIETLY !!
THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING!!
!?
ZK
OVER...? FAR FROM IT!
COME, DARK MOON! FEED ON MY RAGE AND REGRET AT HAVING BEEN DEFEATED BY MEGA MAN!!
UNLEASH THE TRUE DESTROYER!!
HA HA HA HA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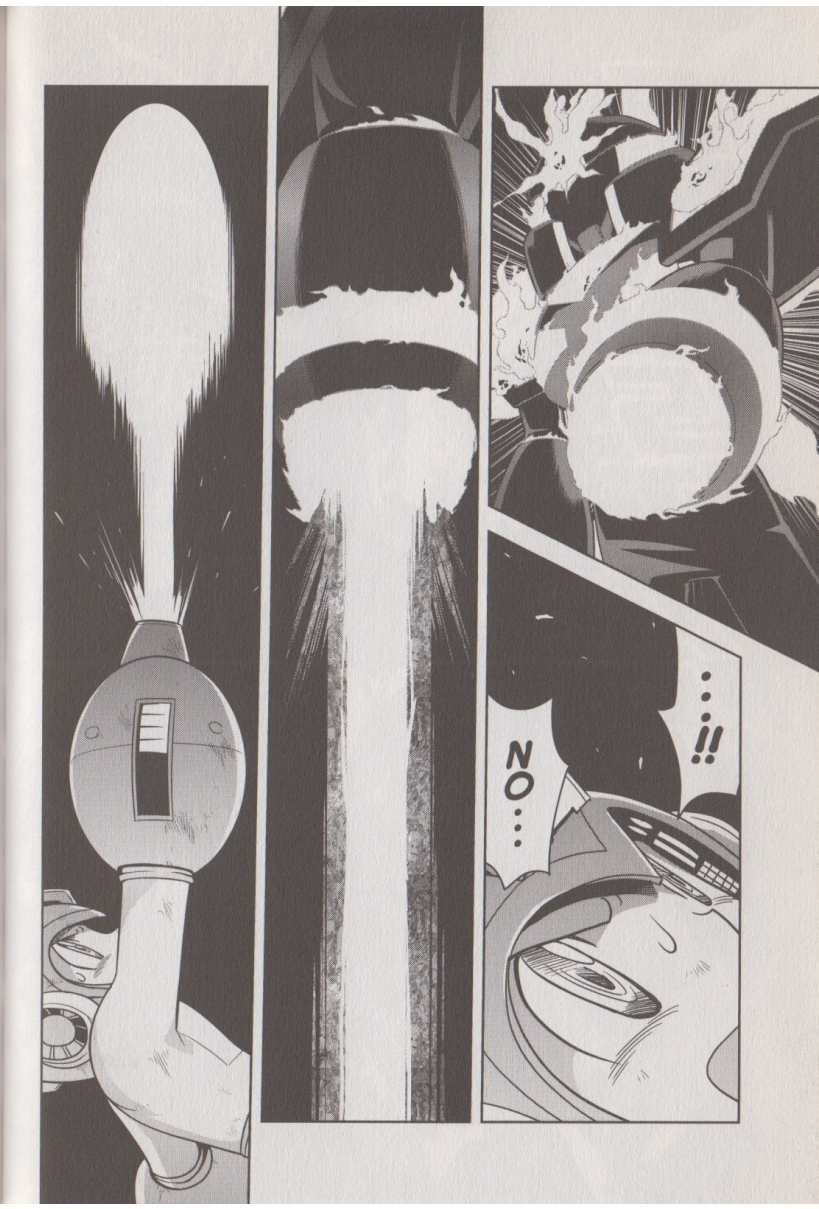
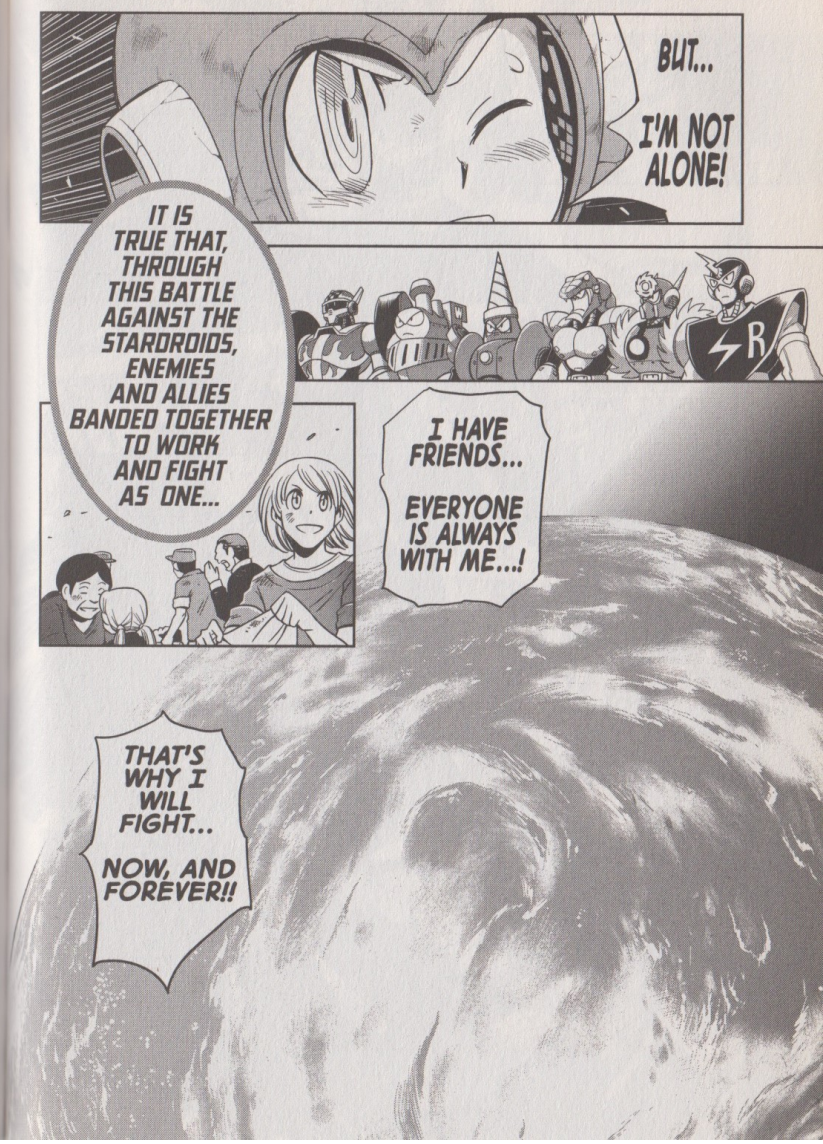

NO…
…!!

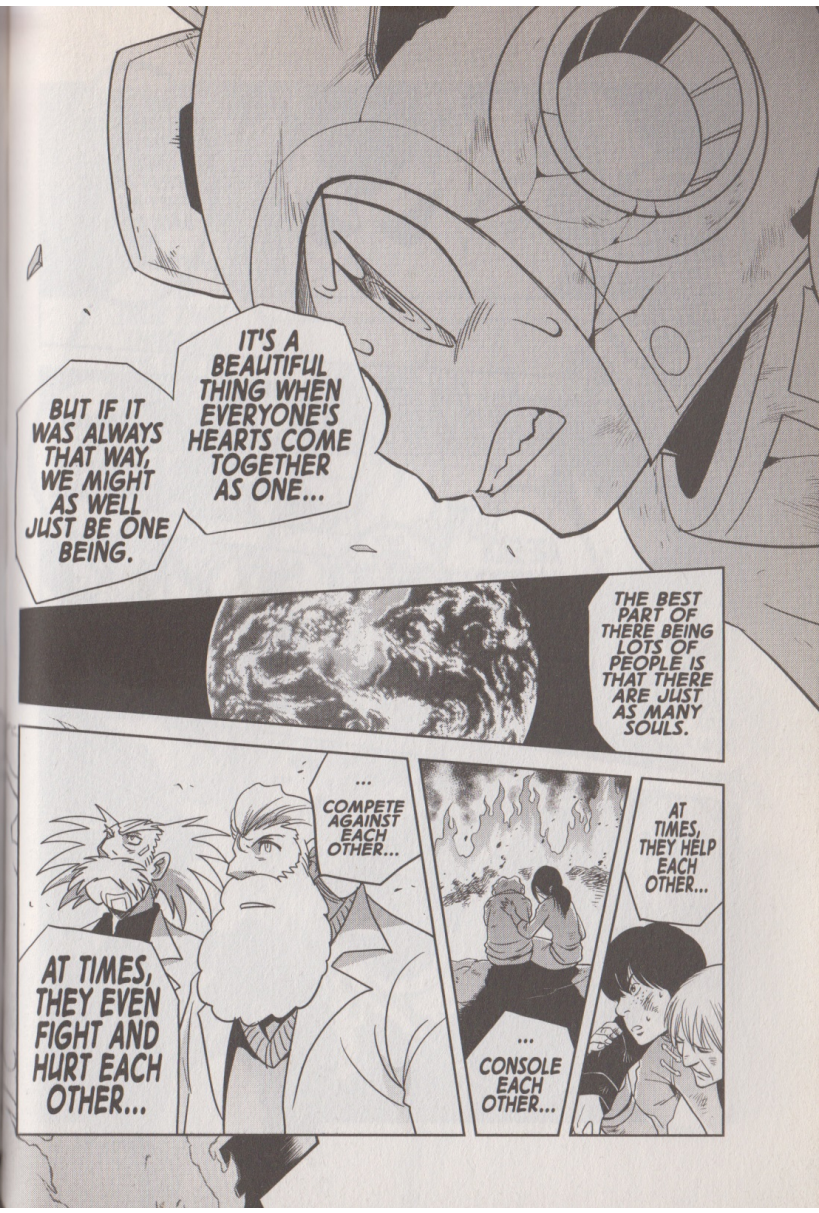
THE HUMANS DO NOT EVEN KNOW THAT YOU ARE STILL FIGHTING FOR THEM.
THEY ARE PREOCCUPIED WITH SORROW, RAGE, AND DESPAIR OVER ALL THEY HAVE SUFFERED. THEY ARE THINKING ONLY OF THEMSELVES NOW.
I DON'T CARE...!
EVEN IF NO ONE EVER FINDS OUT...
THAT'S FINE BY ME!!

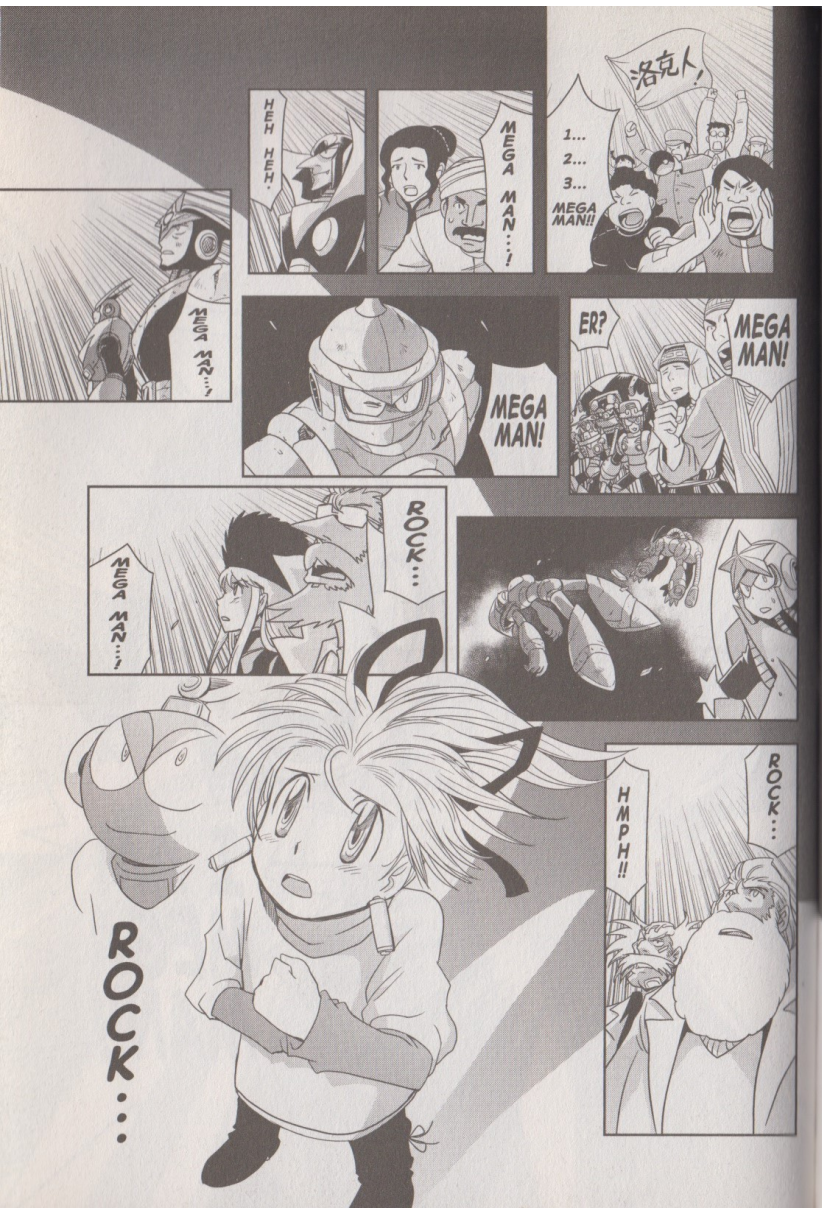
MEGA MAN...
WHAT IS IT THAT YOU FIGHT FOR?
FOR EARTH?
FOR HUMANS?

WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME, THEY WILL FORGET... THEY WILL GROW DISTANT FROM ONE ANOTHER AND WILL ONCE AGAIN TURN ON EACH OTHER.
BUT SUCH ALLIANCES ARE TEMPORARY. ONCE THIS THREAT PASSES, THEY WILL GO BACK TO THEIR PETTY SQUABBLES.
HUMANS ONLY THINK OF THEMSELVES.
THEY ARE A SELFISH RACE THAT CAN STAND FOR GOOD OR EVIL-- WHICHEVER HAPPENS TO BE MOST CONVENIENT FOR THEM AT THE TIME.
ARE SUCH IMPERFECT BEINGS WORTH RISKING YOUR LIFE FOR?
IS THERE A POINT...
...IN DYING FOR THEM?
THAT'S WHY...!
!?

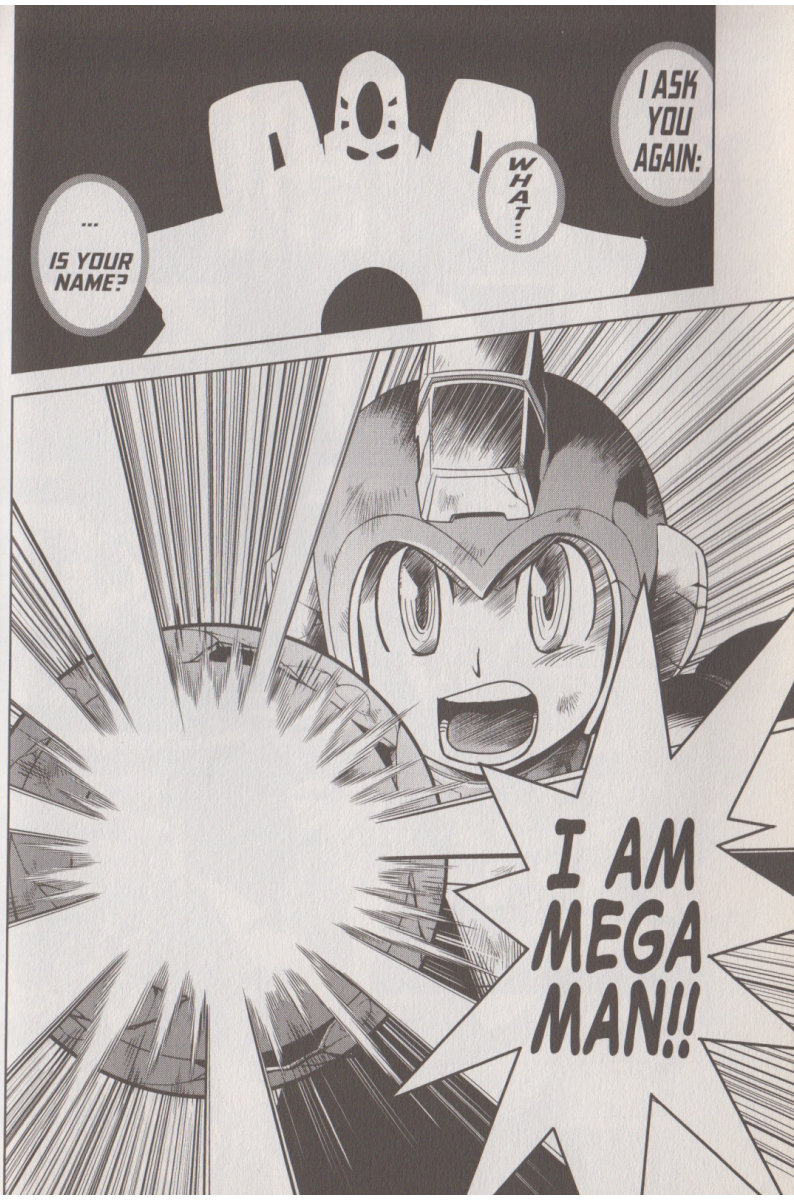

BUT...
I'M NOT ALONE!
IT IS TRUE THAT, THROUGH THIS BATTLE AGAINST THE STARDROIDS, ENEMIES AND ALLIES BANDED TOGETHER TO WORK AND FIGHT AS ONE...
I HAVE FRIENDS...
EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WITH ME...!
THAT'S WHY I WILL FIGHT...
NOW, AND FOREVER!!

WHEN IT REALLY MATTERS, THEY CAN BAND TOGETHER ...
BUT THEY ARE ALSO CAPABLE OF GOING THEIR SEPARATE WAYS.
THAT'S HOW WE LIVE...
THAT IS WHO WE ARE!!

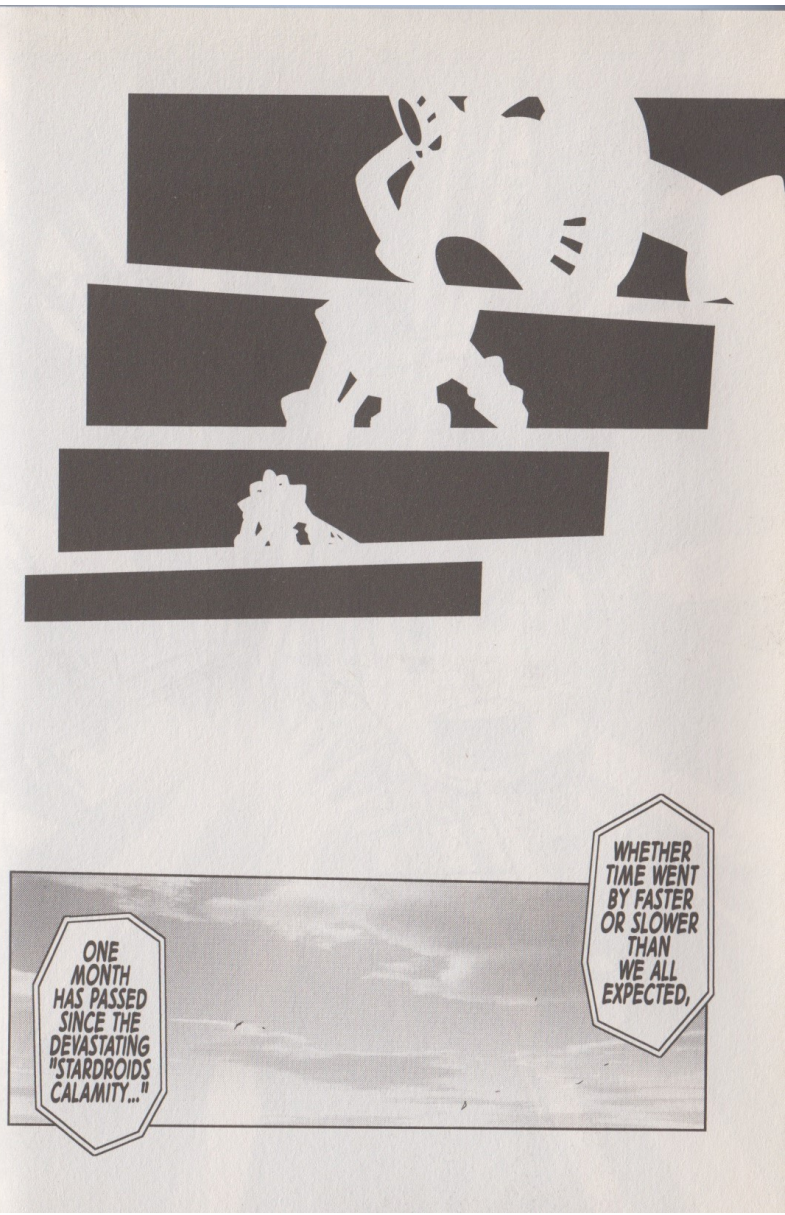

IT'S A BEAUTIFUL THING WHEN EVERYONE'S HEARTS COME TOGETHER AS ONE...
BUT IF IT WAS ALWAYS THAT WAY, WE MIGHT AS WELL JUST BE ONE BEING.
THE BEST PART OF THERE BEING LOTS OF PEOPLE IS THAT THERE ARE JUST AS MANY SOULS.
AT TIMES, THEY EVEN FIGHT AND HURT EACH OTHER...
... COMPETE AGAINST EACH OTHER...
... CONSOLE EACH OTHER...
AT TIMES, THEY HELP EACH OTHER...


洛克人!
1...
2...
3...
MEGA MAN!!
MEGA MAN...!
HEH HEH.
MEGA MAN...!
MEGA MAN!
ER?
MEGA MAN!
ROCK...
MEGA MAN...!
ROCK...
HMPH!!
ROCK...

MEGA MAN...!
MEGA MAN...!
YEAH!
ROCK...!
HMPH!!
MEGA MAN...!
MEGA MAN!
MEGA MAN!!
MEGA MAN!
MEGA MAN!!
MEGA MAN!!

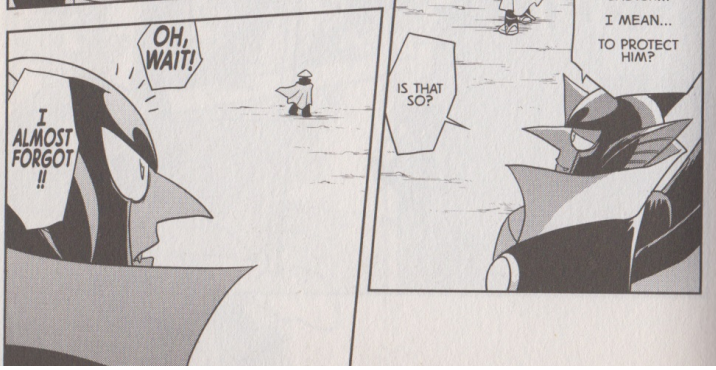

I ASK YOU AGAIN:
WHAT...
...IS YOUR NAME?
I AM MEGA MAN!!

THE SCARS LEFT BEHIND BY THE STARDROIDS ARE STILL PAINFULLY VISIBLE ALL ACROSS THE WORLD.
BUT EVERYONE IS WORKING TOGETHER TO REBUILD IT ALL, BACK TO THE WAY IT USED TO BE... NO, EVEN BETTER THAN IT USED TO BE!!
THAT'S IT FOR NOW. THIS IS PLUM, REPORTING FROM THE FIELD ON BEHALF OF CAPTV!
OKAY! THANK YOU, MISS PLUM! NOW OVER TO CHEST IN THE STUDIO ...
FATHER...?
HM?
WHAT WAS "DUO," ANYWAY?
WHY DID HE COME TO EARTH?


ONE MONTH HAS PASSED SINCE THE DEVASTATING "STARDROIDS CALAMITY..."
WHETHER TIME WENT BY FASTER OR SLOWER THAN WE ALL EXPECTED,

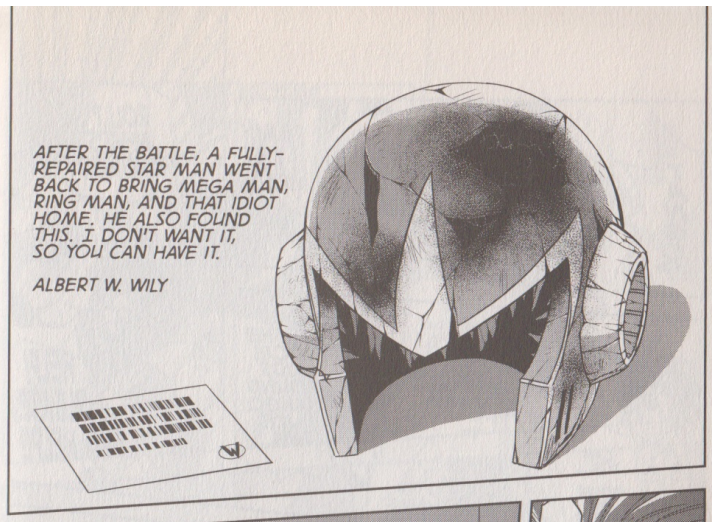
TANGO!?
LOOK!
ROLL? WHAT'S WRONG!?
WHAT IS IT?
HELP! PLEASE, HELP!!
HM... THE DAMAGE IS SEVERE...
CAN YOU... REPAIR THE DAMAGE, DOCTOR?
ONE OF THE LOCAL KIDS FOUND TANGO LIKE THIS...!
THE MAIN MEMORY SYSTEMS AND POWER CORE ARE STILL FUNCTIONAL.
TANGO WILL BE JUST FINE!
OH, DOCTOR ...
HERE...
THIS ARRIVED C.O.D.
A PARCEL?
LET'S SEE WHO IT'S FROM...
SEE YOU LATER, DOCTOR!
WILY...?

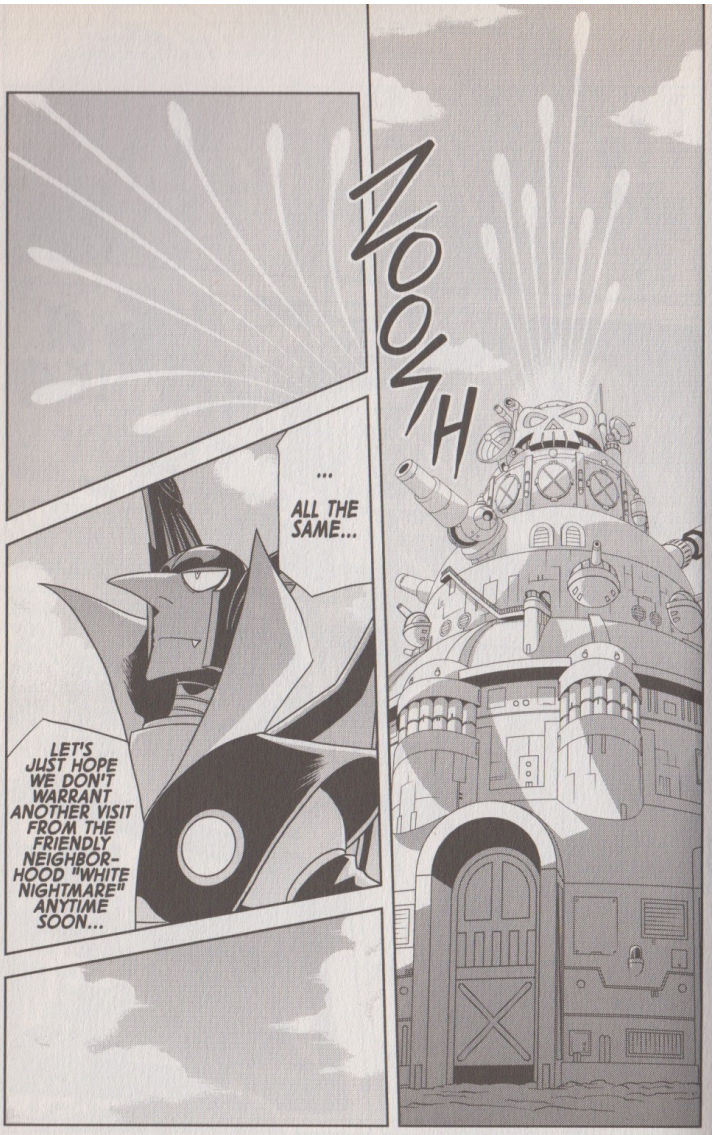
ALL OF IT...
DID I REALLY DO IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL...?
YOU THINK DUO SOMEHOW ...?
... INSTALLING THOSE CRYSTALS IN RING MAN AND THE OTHERS...
BUT THINKING BACK ON IT ALL NOW, I CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER...
THE FACT THAT I WAS ABLE TO BUILD A DUO REPLACEMENT FROM ONE ARM...
TO BE HONEST, I HAVE NO IDEA...
WHATEVER THE TRUTH, TO ME YOU'LL ALWAYS BE THE GREATEST ROBOTICS EXPERT IN THE WORLD!
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
DOCTOR...

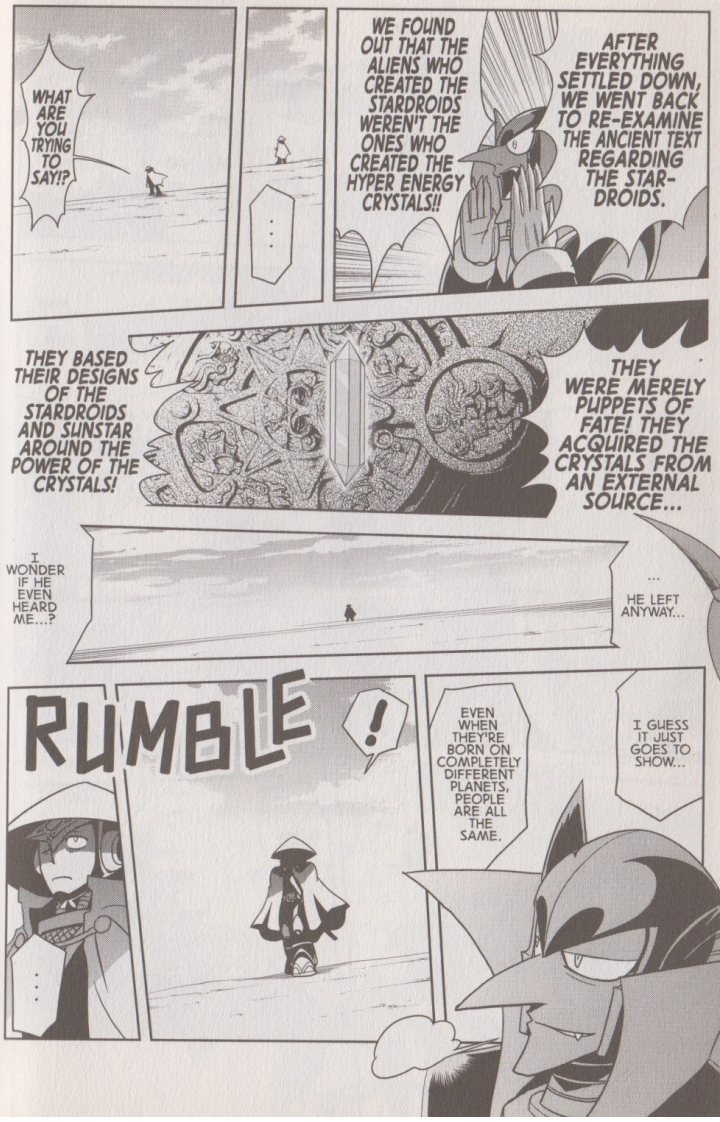


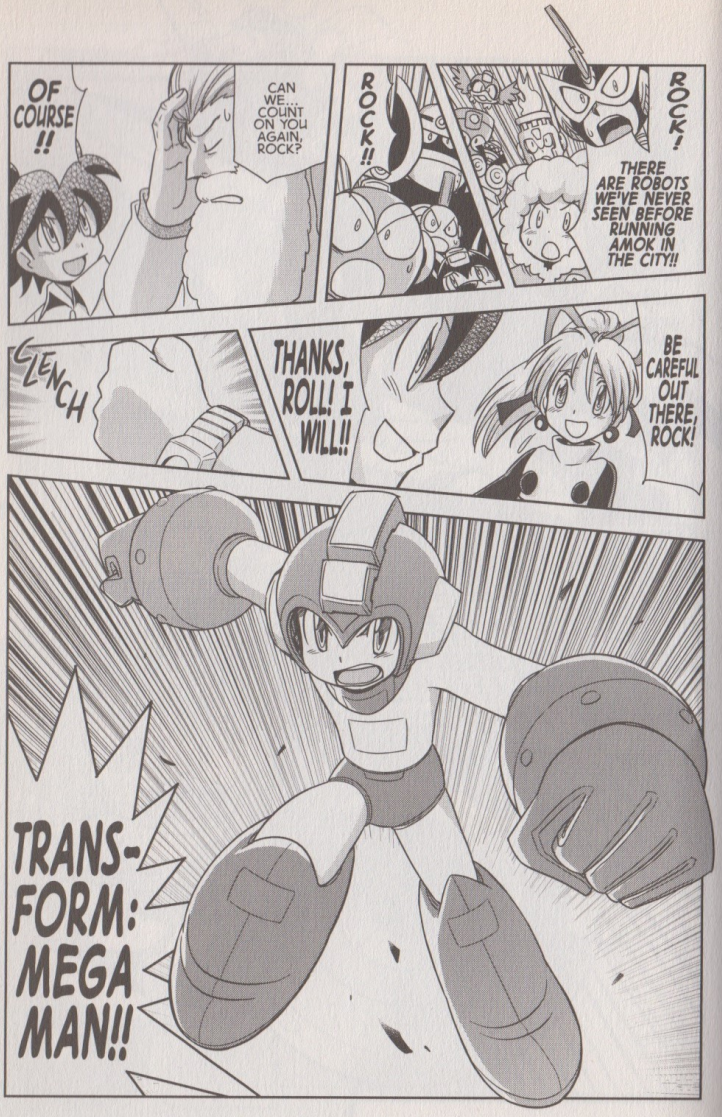
AFTER THE BATTLE, A FULLY-REPAIRED STAR MAN WENT BACK TO BRING MEGA MAN, RING MAN, AND THAT IDIOT HOME. HE ALSO FOUND THIS. I DON'T WANT IT, SO YOU CAN HAVE IT.

ALBERT W. WILY



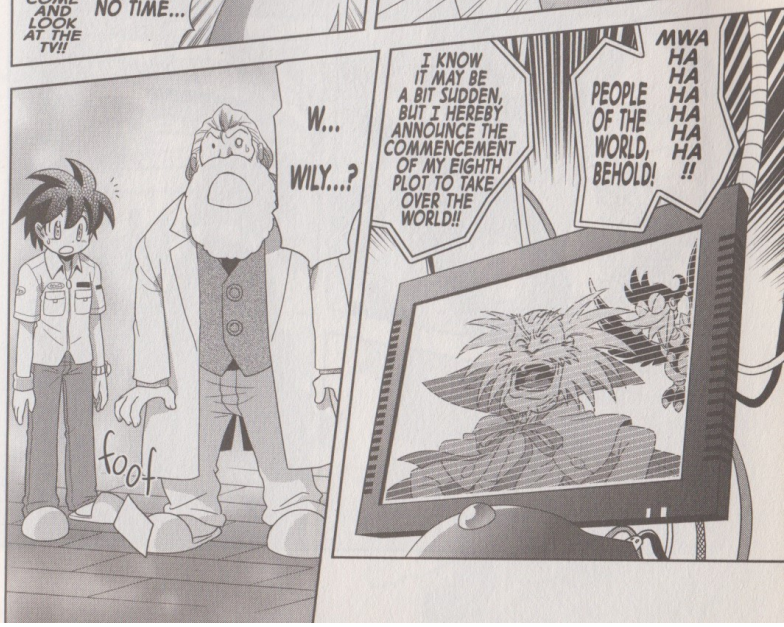

ZOOM
...
ALL THE SAME...
LET'S JUST HOPE WE DON'T WARRANT ANOTHER VISIT FROM THE FRIENDLY NEIGHBOR-HOOD "WHITE NIGHTMARE" ANYTIME SOON...

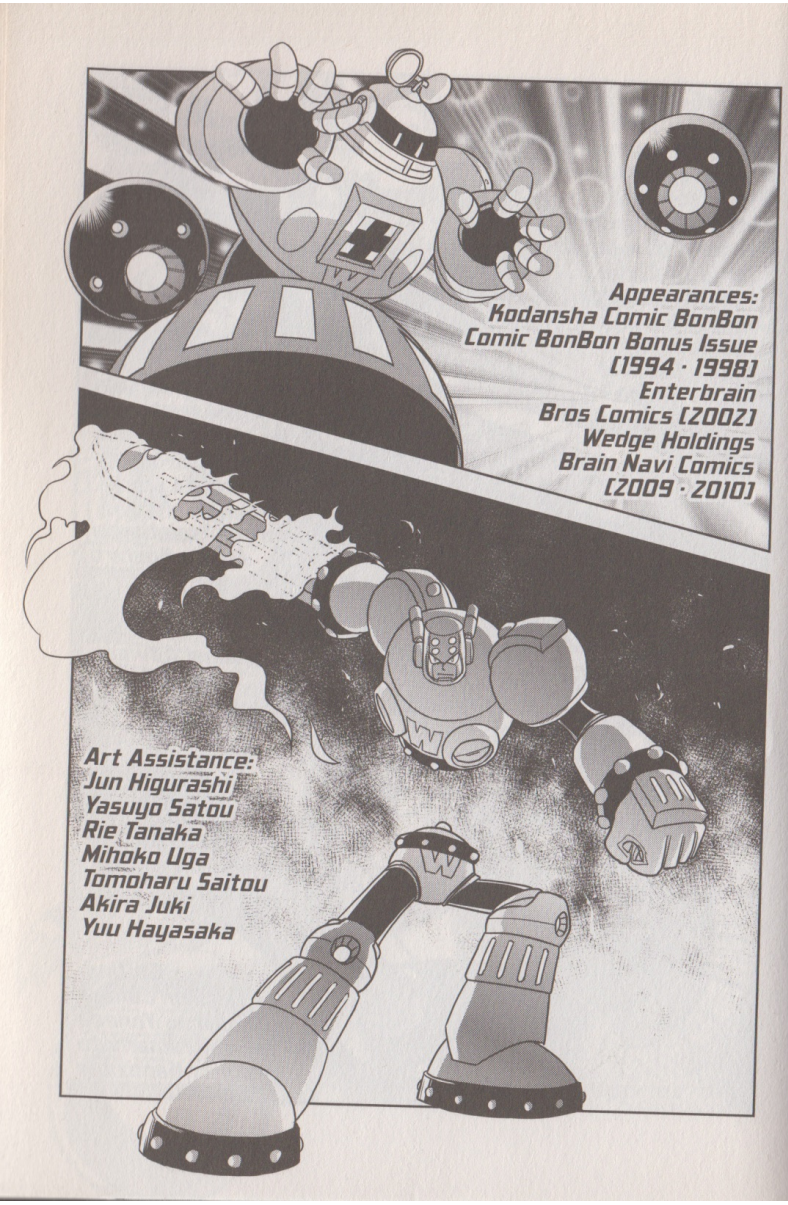

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY!?
...
WE FOUND OUT THAT THE ALIENS WHO CREATED THE STARDROIDS WEREN'T THE ONES WHO CREATED THE HYPER ENERGY CRYSTALS!!
AFTER EVERYTHING SETTLED DOWN, WE WENT BACK TO RE-EXAMINE THE ANCIENT TEXT REGARDING THE STAR-DROIDS.
THEY BASED THEIR DESIGNS OF THE STARDROIDS AND SUNSTAR AROUND THE POWER OF THE CRYSTALS!
THEY WERE MERELY PUPPETS OF FATE! THEY ACQUIRED THE CRYSTALS FROM AN EXTERNAL SOURCE...
I WONDER IF HE EVEN HEARD ME...?
...
HE LEFT ANYWAY...
RUMBLE !
...
EVEN WHEN THEY'RE BORN ON COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PLANETS, PEOPLE ARE ALL THE SAME.
I GUESS IT JUST GOES TO SHOW...


ROCK!
THERE ARE ROBOTS WE'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE RUNNING AMOK IN THE CITY!!
ROCK!!
CAN WE... COUNT ON YOU AGAIN, ROCK?
OF COURSE!!
BE CAREFUL OUT THERE, ROCK!
THANKS, ROLL! I WILL!!
CLENCH
TRANS-FORM: MEGA MAN!!

HM...

ROCK!! WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
YOU SHOULD ALWAYS KNOCK FIRST!!
I'M SORRY, DOCTOR! BUT THERE'S NO TIME...
YOU HAVE TO COME AND LOOK AT THE TV!!
DR. LIGHT!!


W...
WILY...?
foof
I KNOW IT MAY BE A BIT SUDDEN, BUT I HEREBY ANNOUNCE THE COMMENCEMENT OF MY EIGHTH PLOT TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD!!
PEOPLE OF THE WORLD, BEHOLD!
MWA HA HA HA HA HA !!



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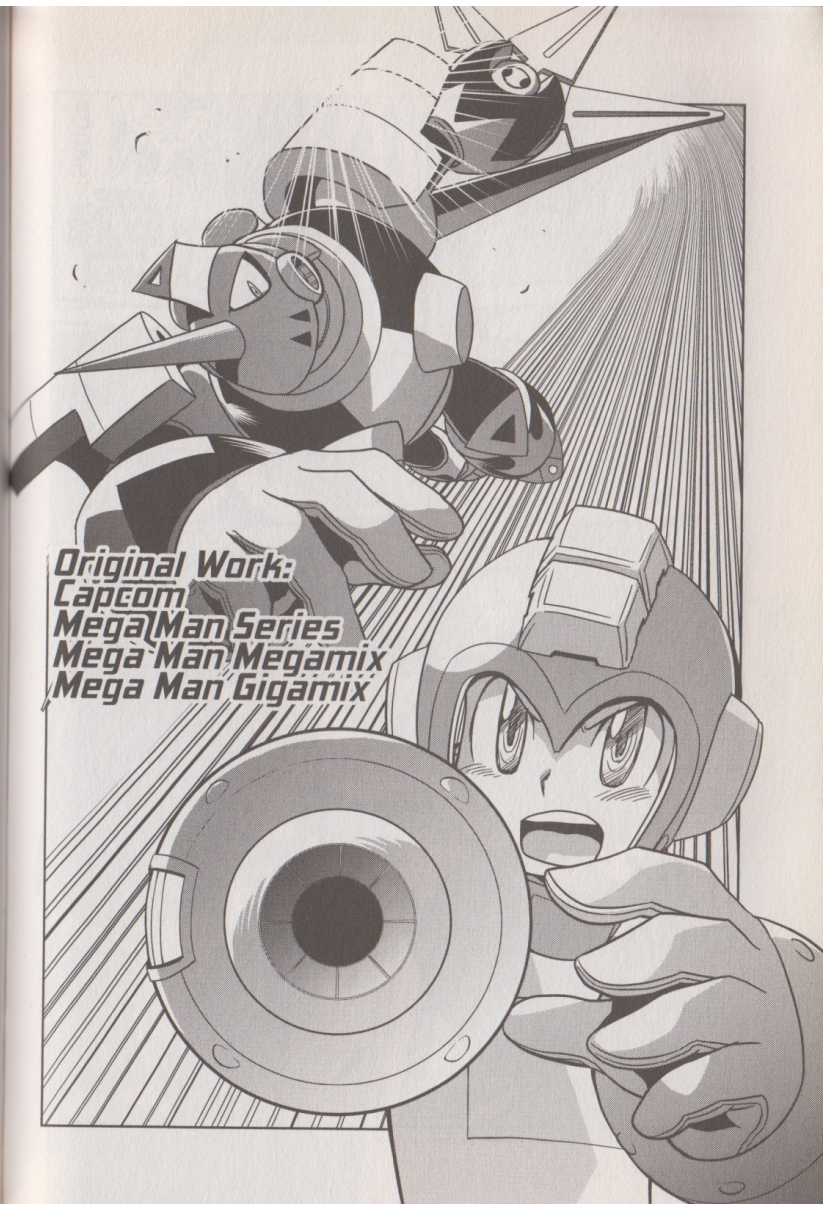

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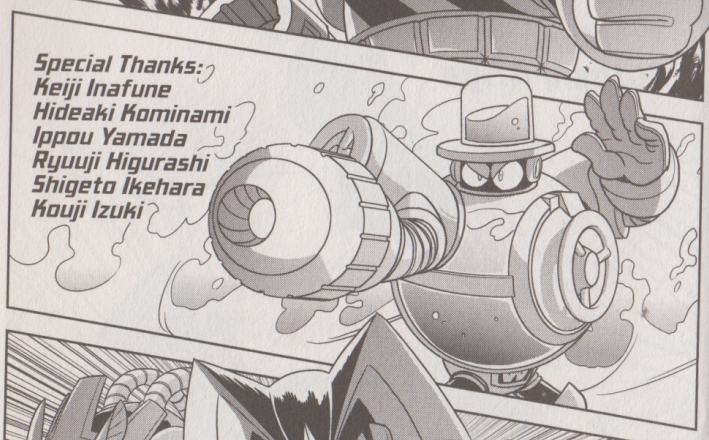
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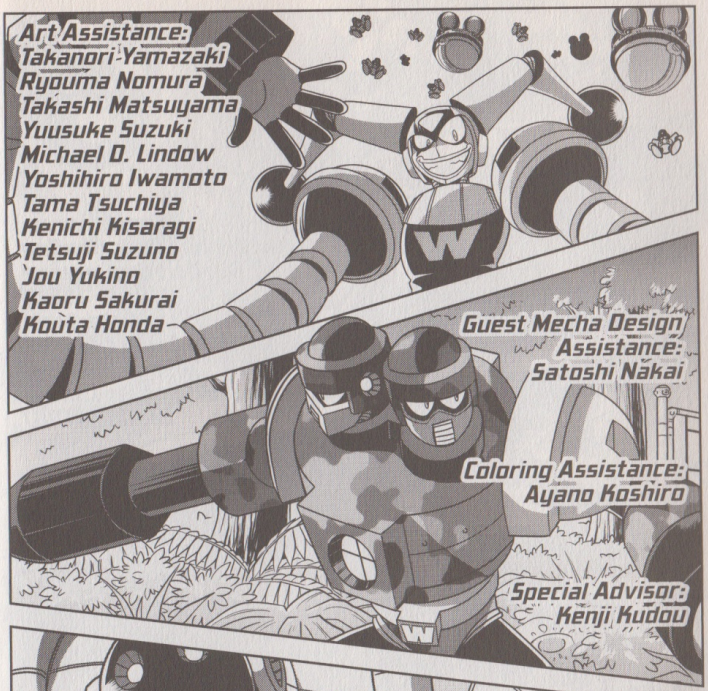
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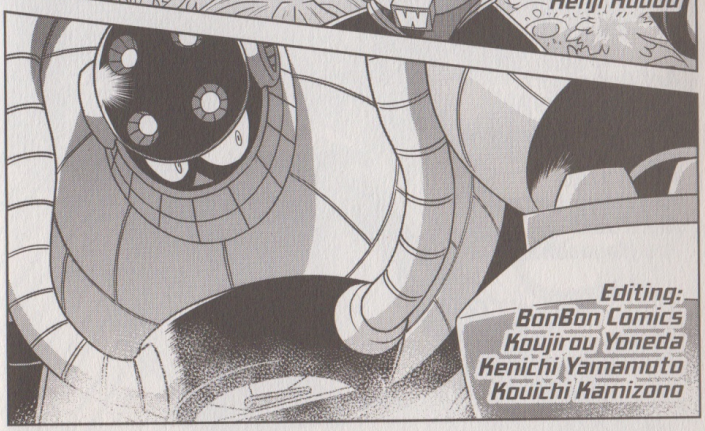
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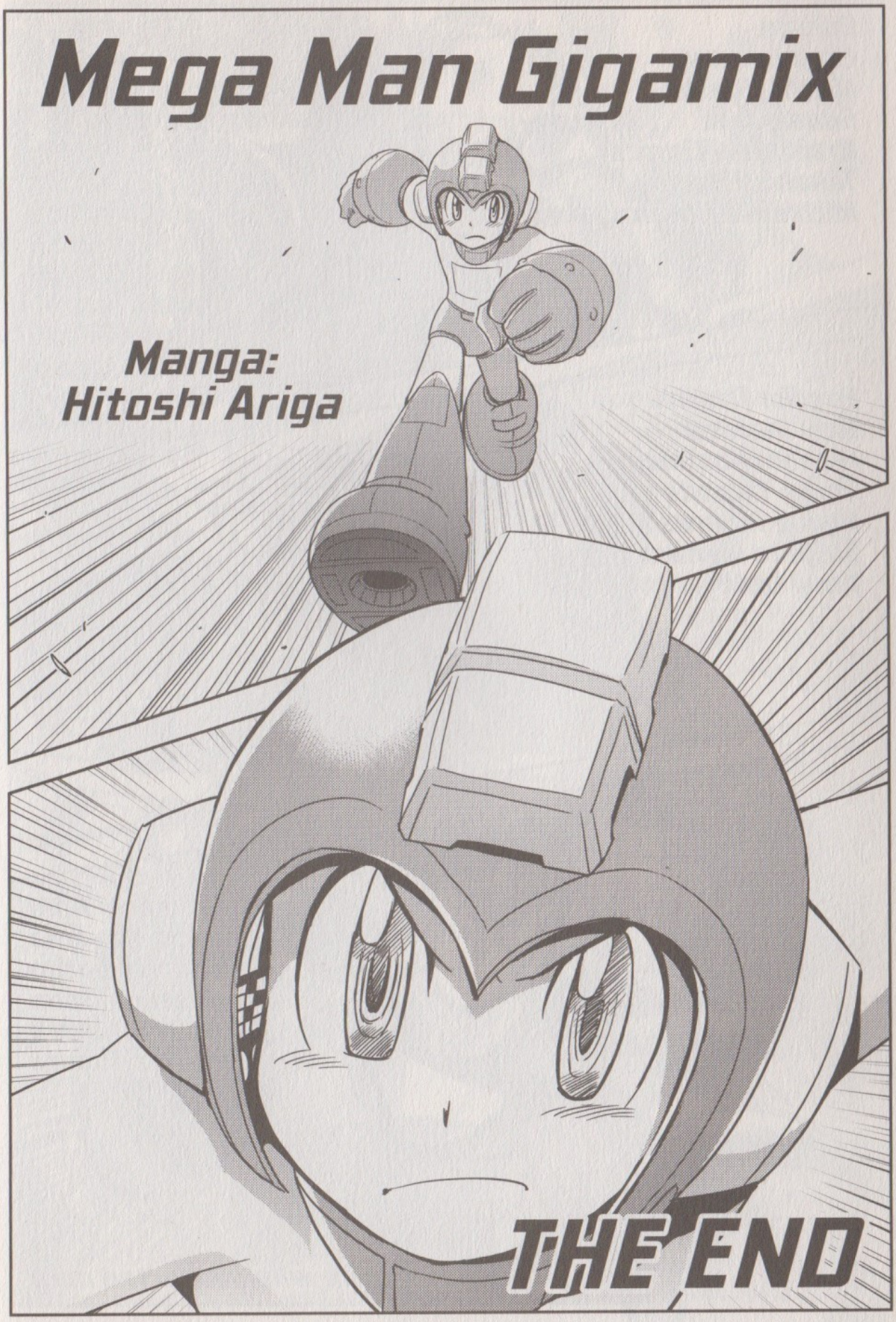
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AFTERWORD

It was a long and winding road getting here.

I am beyond ecstatic that I was finally able to deliver this book into your hands.

This story goes back over a decade, but "Mega Man Megamix" was originally released only in its home country of Japan and other Asian countries. Even back then, I thought about the fact that English-speaking Mega Man fans somehow seemed more passionate than Japanese fans. As such, I had always wished that those English-speaking fans could read my manga as well. Now, that wish has come true! Not only that, but this latest book (Mega Man Gigamix Volume 3) was released in English very soon after the Japanese release. How could it get any better than that!?

The original "Rockman" (the Japanese name for Mega Man) was created with a "Rock and Roll" theme, and the title for my "Rockman Remix" manga was supposed to maintain the connection to that theme. When I got a second round with the series through an anthology magazine, I gave it the new name "Rockman Megamix". This renaming was done to accomplish two things: to make the series feel "upgraded", and to give some acknowledgment to "Mega Man" of the overseas versions of the games. Skip ahead ten years to when I finally got the chance to finish the series... I wanted to make the series seem more powerful than ever, and that's why I came up with the title "Gigamix".

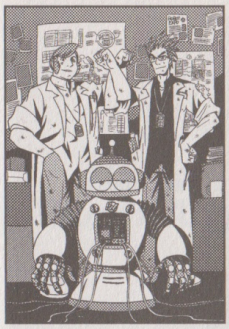
With the "Megamix" series, I wanted to do more than simply trace out the story from the games. I wanted even the most passionate Mega Man fans with the deepest knowledge of the games to find something fresh and engaging about my manga. I had quite a bit of fun "remixing" the Mega Man stories for the manga, and I think the more familiar you are with the games, the more you will grin to yourself while reading "Megamix".

I referred to official information released by Capcom when piecing together my stories. The following is a short list of "official story" tidbits that I used, to give you an idea of how I blended the game into my manga:

The fact that "mysterious energy sources" actually had something to do with the story of "Mega Man 3"; Duo came from space, pursuing an evil energy in "Mega Man 8"; enemy robots fly in from outer space in "Mega Man V" (Game Boy); the parts needed to "power up" were energy crystals spread across planets; there was something wrong with Proto Man's power core, so Dr. Wily made some alterations; and Proto Man was incredibly powerful in "Mega Man: Powered Up"... just to name a few things.

I also put an emphasis on creating original components for all the stories, so that the manga wouldn't read like a patchwork jigsaw puzzle of Mega Man game trivia.

Did you enjoy the results?



This book marks the end of the "Megamix" story, which started way back in the spring of 1995 with "Rockman Remix". The last scenes lead into the story of "Mega Man 8", since that was the newest "Mega Man" game coming out back when I first wrote that chapter. But Mega Man has accomplished many amazing things during the time "Megamix" was on hold, hasn't he? A couple of the most obvious being "Mega Man 9" and "Mega Man 10"!

It is my sincerest hope that you will continue to enjoy and support the Mega Man series forever and ever.

If my mangas can give you even a fraction of the enjoyment that the games do, I couldn't ask for anything more.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for taking this long journey with me.

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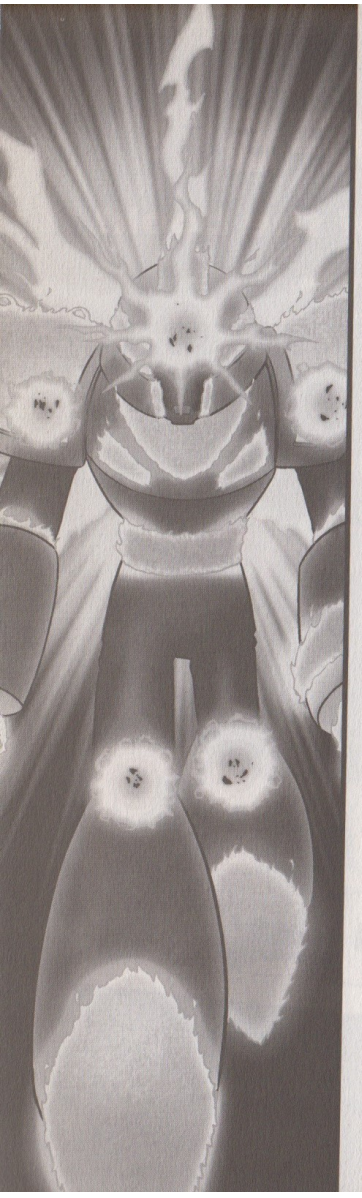

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